



**FIJI METEOROLOGICAL SERVICE
GOVERNMENT OF REPUBLIC OF FIJI**

MEDIA RELEASE

HEAVY RAIN ALERT IS NOW IN FORCE FOR THE WHOLE OF FIJI
Issued at 3:00 pm Wednesday 27th March 2024

Key Messages

1. A **Heavy Rain Alert** is now in force for the whole of Fiji.
2. A **Flash Flood Alert** remains in force for all flash flood prone areas, small streams and low lying areas of Viti Levu.

Details

Fiji will continue to be affected by the trough of low pressure which lies slow moving over the southern parts of the country. It is likely that this system will bring rain, heavy at times over Kadavu and neighbouring smaller islands, Moala and Southern Lau groups. The other parts of the country are anticipated to experience occasional showers which should increase to rain with thunderstorms mainly in the afternoons or evenings. Consequently, a **Heavy Rain Alert** is now in force for the whole of Fiji (Figure 1).

This trough is expected to gradually move north over the country and keep affecting most parts of Fiji until the weekend where more rain is forecast.

The risk of heavy rain is particularly high in the afternoon and overnight. Low-lying and flood-prone locations may experience flash floods as a result of localized heavy rainfall. A **Flash Flood Alert** remains in force for all flash flood prone areas, small streams and low lying areas of Viti Levu (Figure 2).

Gusty winds are possible during heavy falls and thunderstorms.

There is a possibility of clear skies or sunny intervals between the rain bands, especially in the early part of the day.

The Fiji Meteorological Service will continuously monitor this weather phenomenon and update forecasts and warnings as necessary.

For more information and clarification, please contact the National Weather Forecasting Centre at (679) 6724888/9905376 or via email at all-fcstrs@met.gov.fj.

For the latest forecasts, you can visit the Fiji Meteorological Service website at www.met.gov.fj or you can follow us on Facebook.

Click on the link to access the latest Heavy Rain Warning update:

<https://www.met.gov.fj/index.php?page=warn1#20014.txt>

Click on the link to access the latest Flood Alerts and Warnings update:

<https://www.met.gov.fj/index.php?page=warn1#20016.txt>

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Figure 1: Areas under Severe Thunderstorms Alert as at 10:30am on 27th March 2024.

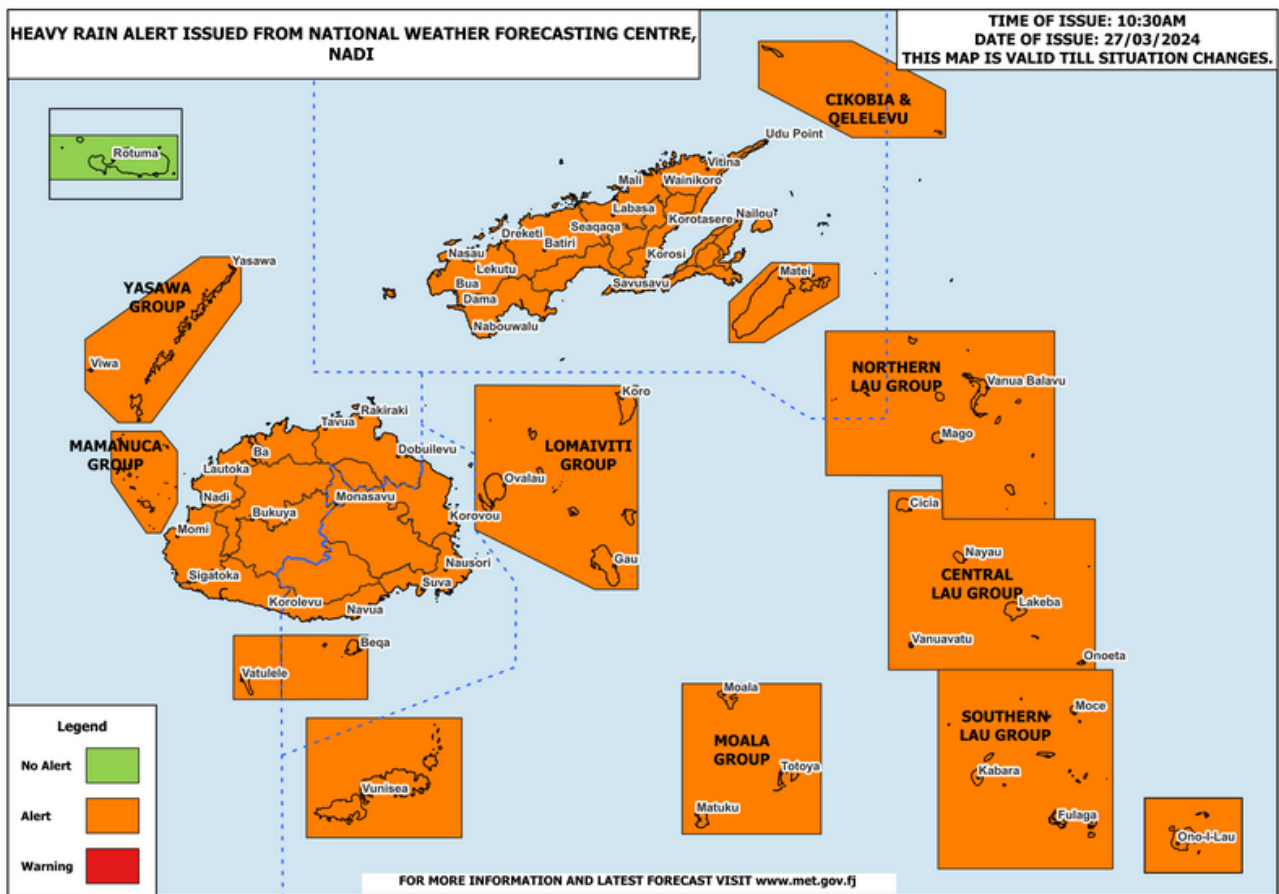


Figure 2: Areas under Flash Flood Alert as at 12:00pm on 27th March 2024.

