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## **MEDIA RELEASE No.3**

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### **HEAVY RAIN TO CONTINUE OVER MOST PLACES**

A Tropical Disturbance has formed along the active trough of low pressure which was affecting the northern parts of Fiji over the weekend. It was located near 21.2 latitude South and 179.7 longitude West or 120km west-southwest of Ono-i-Lau at 9am this morning. The Tropical Disturbance is now identified as TD09F and is currently slow moving. The associated active trough of low pressure with cloud and rain band continues to affect the group and the following warnings and alert is currently in force:

- A “**Heavy Rain Warning**” remains in force for the whole of Fiji;
- A “**Strong Wind Warning**” remains in force for all Fiji Waters;
- A “**Strong Wind Warning**” is now in force for land areas of Lau and Lomaiviti Group;
- A “**Flood Warning**” remains in force for low lying areas and areas adjacent to Rakiraki Town and downstream of Rakiraki Station; and
- A “**Flood Alert**” is now in force for the low lying areas and small streams adjacent to the major rivers for the whole of Fiji.

For land areas of Lau and Lomaiviti Group would expect strong northwest winds with average speeds of 40km/hr to 55km/hr with gusts of up to 75km/hr and rough seas. Also, there will be periods of rain, heavy at times and squally thunderstorms.

For the rest of Fiji, periods of rain, heavy at times and squally thunderstorms is anticipated with moderate to fresh northwest winds, strong and gusty at times  
This weather is expected to continue till midweek.

Significant amounts of rainfall have been observed in last 48 hours. With more rain forecasted in the coming days, the likelihood of flooding of low lying areas is high. It is advisable that people take alerts, warnings and advisories seriously whenever it is issued and remain prepared at all times. The weather is being closely monitored over and updates will be provided as any significant changes are observed or expected.

Station	Amount(mm)	Station	Amount(mm)
Ono-i-lau	199.8	Nasinu	117.0
Dobuilevu	148.5	Wainikoro	115.0
Nadarivatu	139.0	Matuku	105.0
Nausori	89.4	Labasa	81.2

For more details and the latest on weather, please contact the National Weather Forecasting Centre on 6736006, 9905376 or visit the Fiji Meteorological Service’s website, [www.met.gov.fj](http://www.met.gov.fj)

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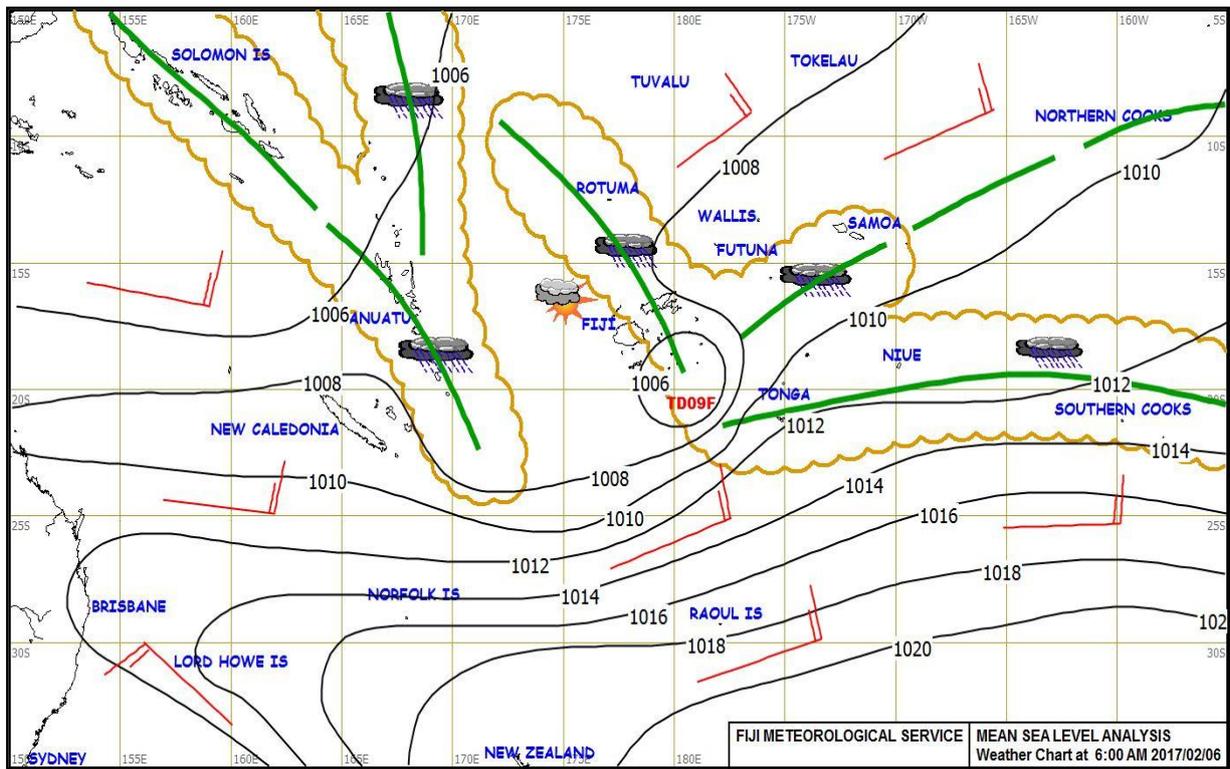


Figure 1: Weather Map at 6.00am on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

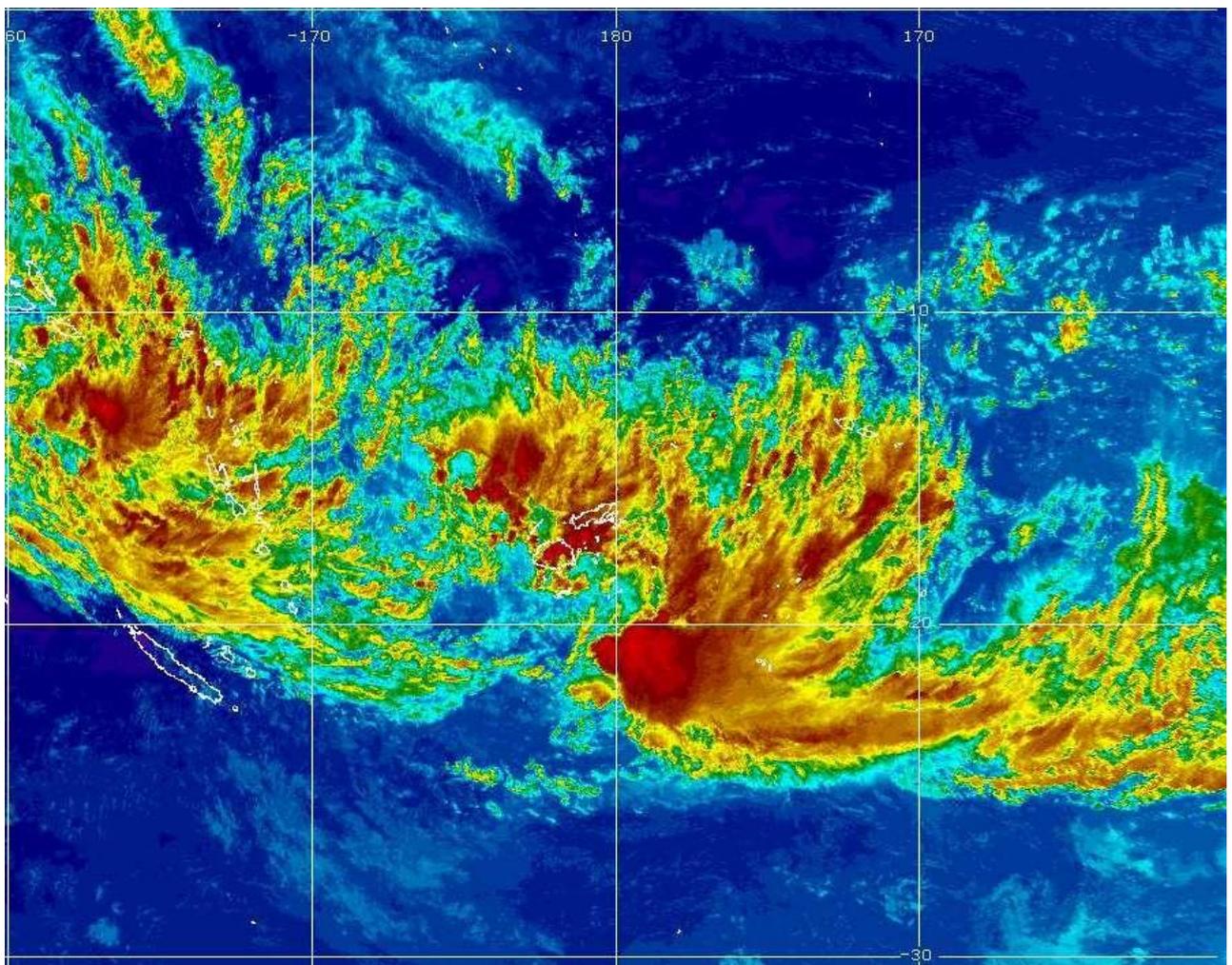


Figure 2: Satellite image at 12.00 noon (0000UTC) on 06<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

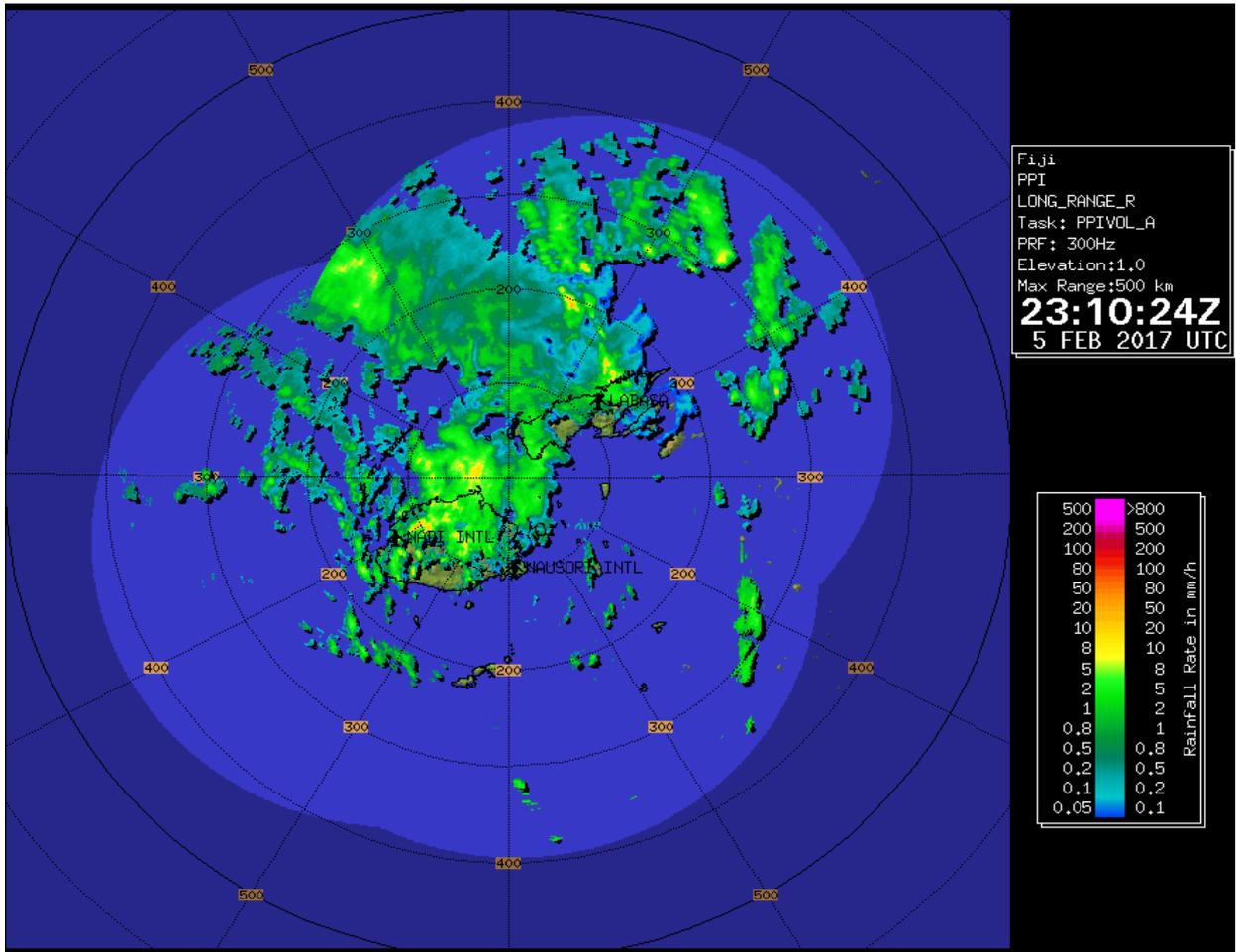


Figure 3: Composite radar image at 11.10am (2310Z) on 06<sup>th</sup> February 2017.