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TROPICAL DISTURBANCE 09F

Tropical Disturbance 09F was located near 11.2 degree South latitude and 167.7 degree East longitude or about 1030km west-northwest of Rotuma at 9am this morning. It has a central of 1003hPa and is currently moving southwest at 10 knots.

Over the last 24 hours, the systems has moved westward, but anticipated to track southwards and gradually intensify. At this stage, the chance of developing into a category 1 cyclone in next 24 to 48 hours is low to moderate.

It does not pose direct threat to Fiji and expected to pass west of Fiji later in the week. However, associated rain and strong gusty winds are expected to spread over the country from later Thursday through the weekend.

Rotuma, A strong wind warning is now in force for Rotuma waters and moderate to fresh northwest winds expected over land areas.

For Fiji, Cloud cover is expected to increase and rain to develop from the north over most places by Thursday with strong and gusty northerly winds spreading over Viti Levu and Vanua Levu. The system is expected to bring isolated heavy rain which may lead to flash flooding of low lying areas.

It is advisable that people are to remain prepared at all times and keep updated with the latest weather bulletins. Keep listening to the radio for the updated information and take alerts and warnings seriously whenever they are issued.

For more details and the latest on weather, please contact the Tropical Cyclone Warning Centre on 6736006, 9905376 or visit the Fiji Meteorological Service's website, www.met.gov.fj

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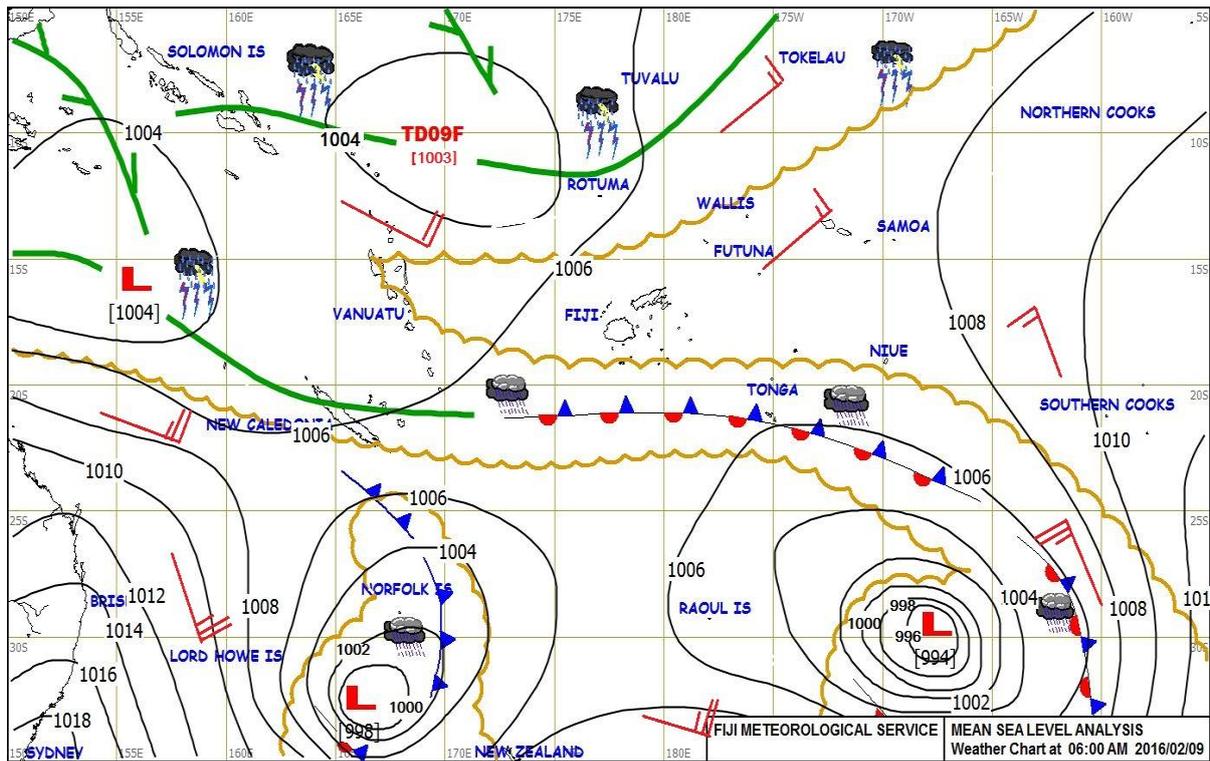


Fig 1: Mean Sea-Level Pressure chart issued from RSMC Nadi at 6am on 09th February, 2016.

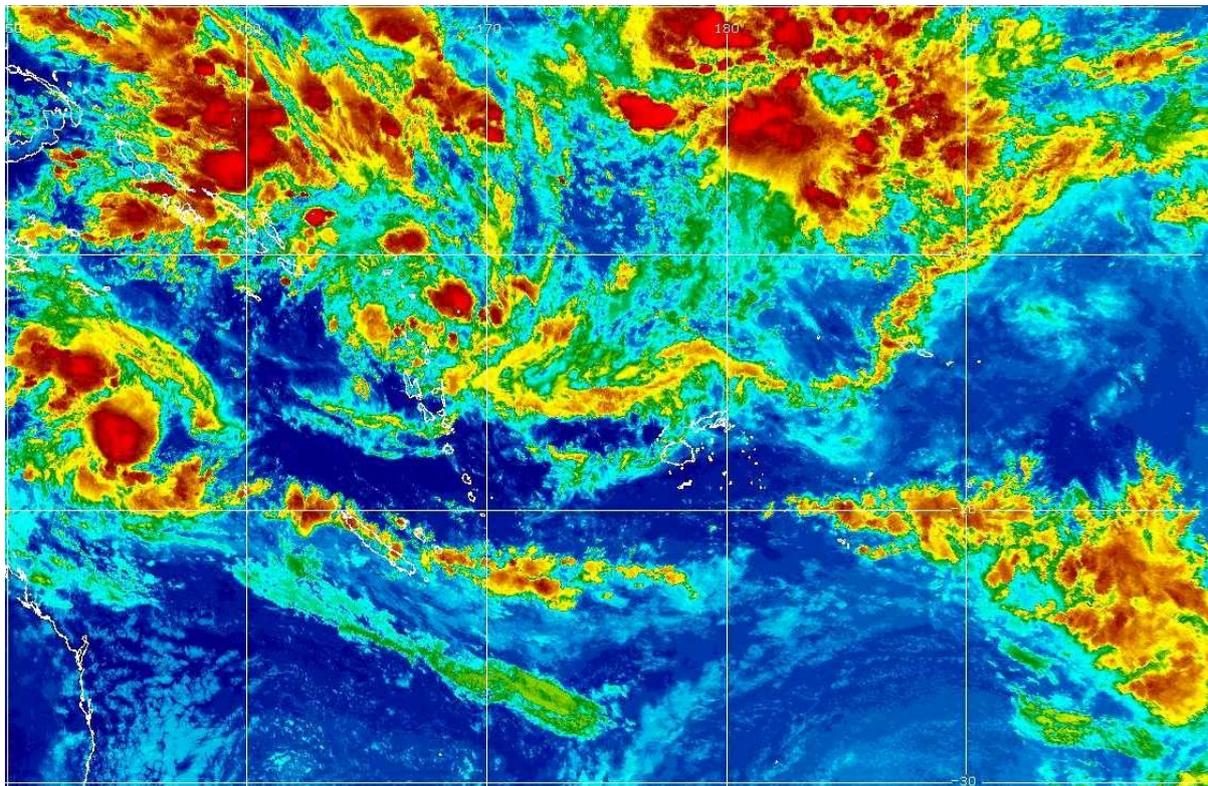


Fig 2: Colourised Infrared satellite imagery at 9:30am on 09th February, 2016.
-The darker red is indicative of areas of heavy rainfall in a rain band.

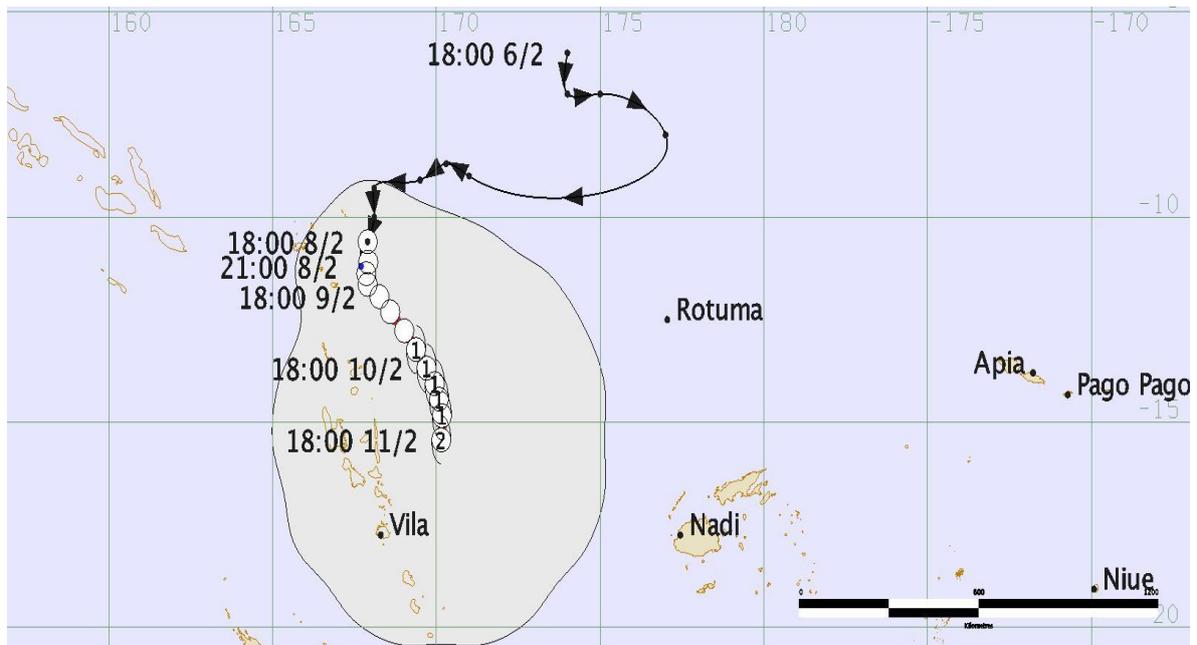


Fig 3: TD09F Forecast Track Map at 6am on 09th February, 2016.