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TROPICAL DEPRESSION 02F

The Tropical Depression 02F was located near 18.3 degree South latitude and 171.3 degree East longitude or about 655km West of Nadi at 8am this morning.

It has a central pressure of 1004hPa and it is currently moving South at 30km/hr.

The TD 02F poses no threat to the country and has a very low probability to develop into a tropical Cyclone in next 12 to 24 hours.

Active rain bands associated with the system which were affecting the group has eased off.

A heavy rain warning which was previously in force for the whole of Fiji is now cancelled.

For whole of Fiji: Occasional showers over most places with isolated heavy falls expected.

For Rotuma: A strong wind warning which was previously in force for Rotuma waters is now cancelled.

A strong wind warning remains in force for land areas of Lau, Lomaiviti, Yasawa and Mamanuca group, Vanua Levu, Eastern half of Viti Levu, Taveuni, Kadavu and nearby smaller islands.

These areas can expect strong east to northeast winds with average speeds of 40 to 50km/hr and gusts to 65km/hr.

A strong wind warning is also in force for ALL Fiji waters except Rotuma.

Mariners should expect strong east to northeast winds with speeds of 20 to 25 knots and up to 30 knots through the passages.

Rough seas, very rough through the passages. Moderate southeast swells.

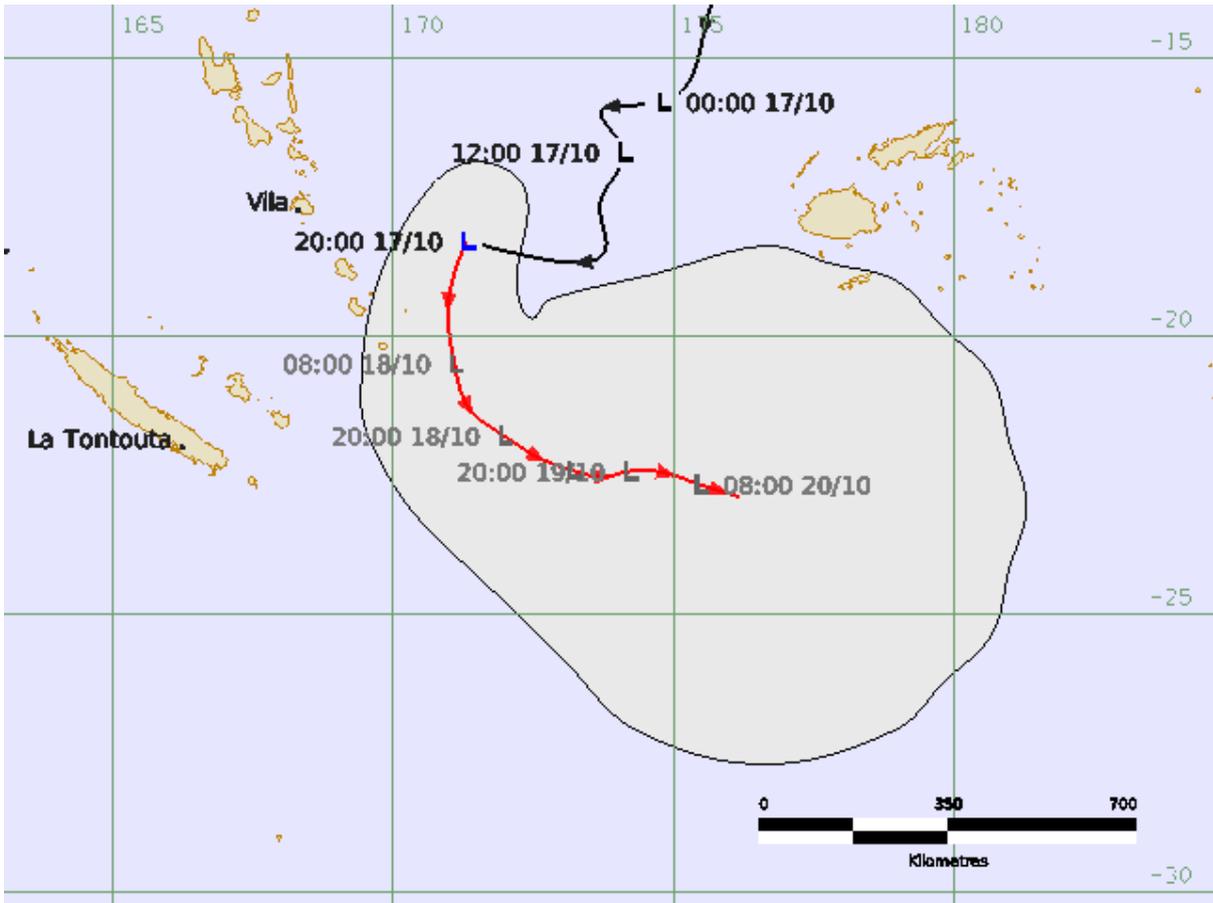


Fig 1: Tropical Depression 02F Uncertainty Track Map at 8am on Sunday 18th October, 2015 (Times in UTC on the map).

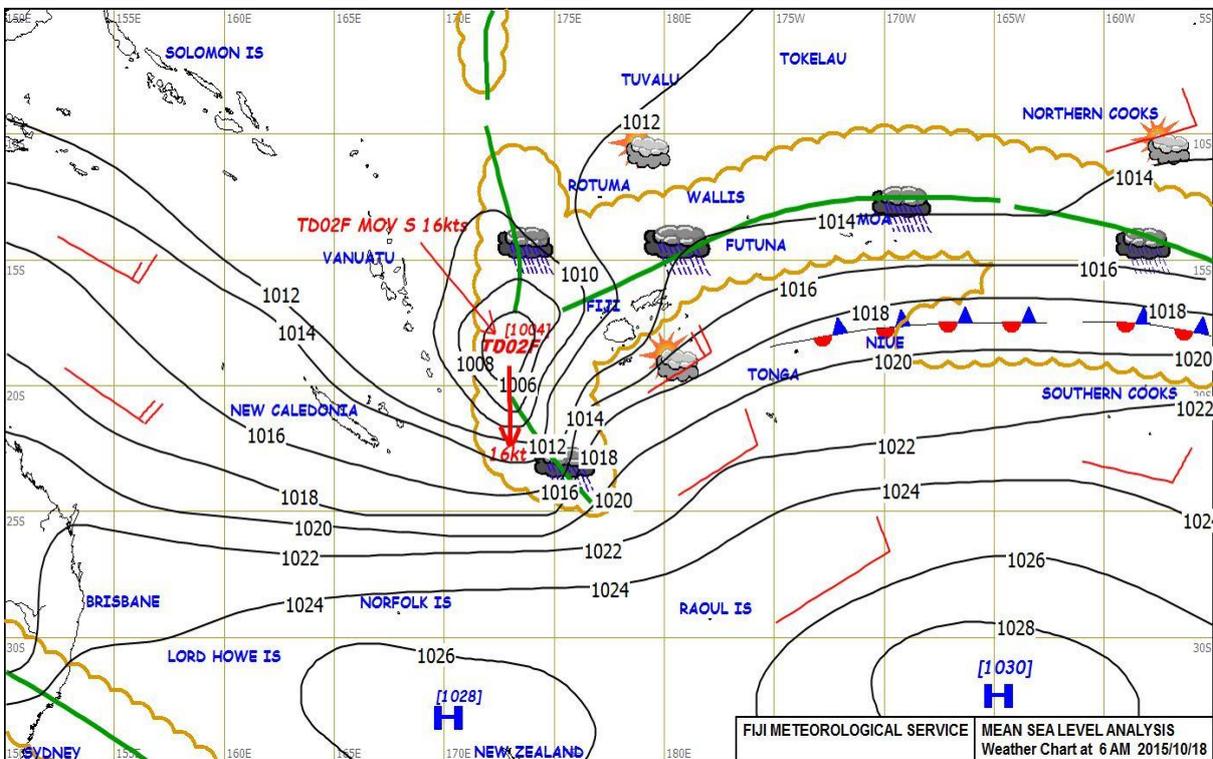


Fig 2: Mean Sea-Level Pressure chart issued from RSMC Nadi at 6am on Sunday 18th October, 2015.

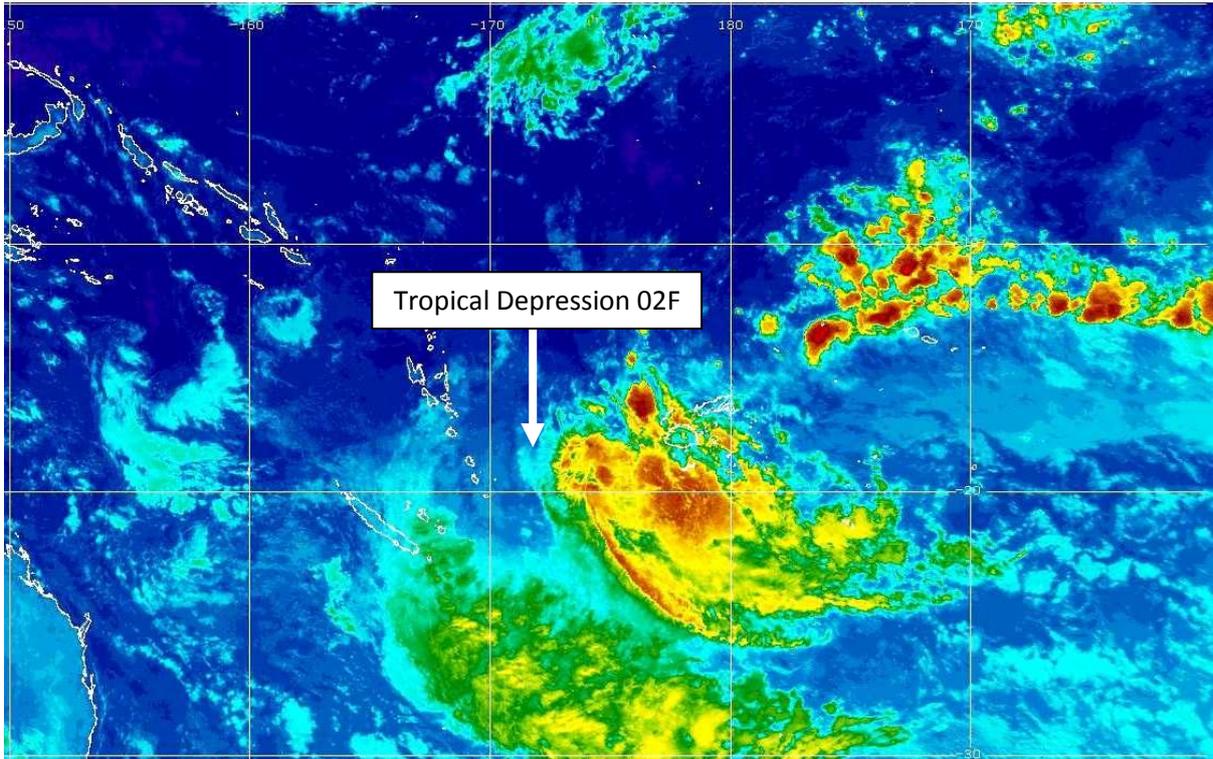


Fig 3: Colourised Infrared satellite imagery at 06.30am on Sunday 18th October, 2015.
 -The white arrow points to the centre of the system.
 -The red and black colour on the satellite picture above is indicative of the area of heavy rainfall in a rain band.

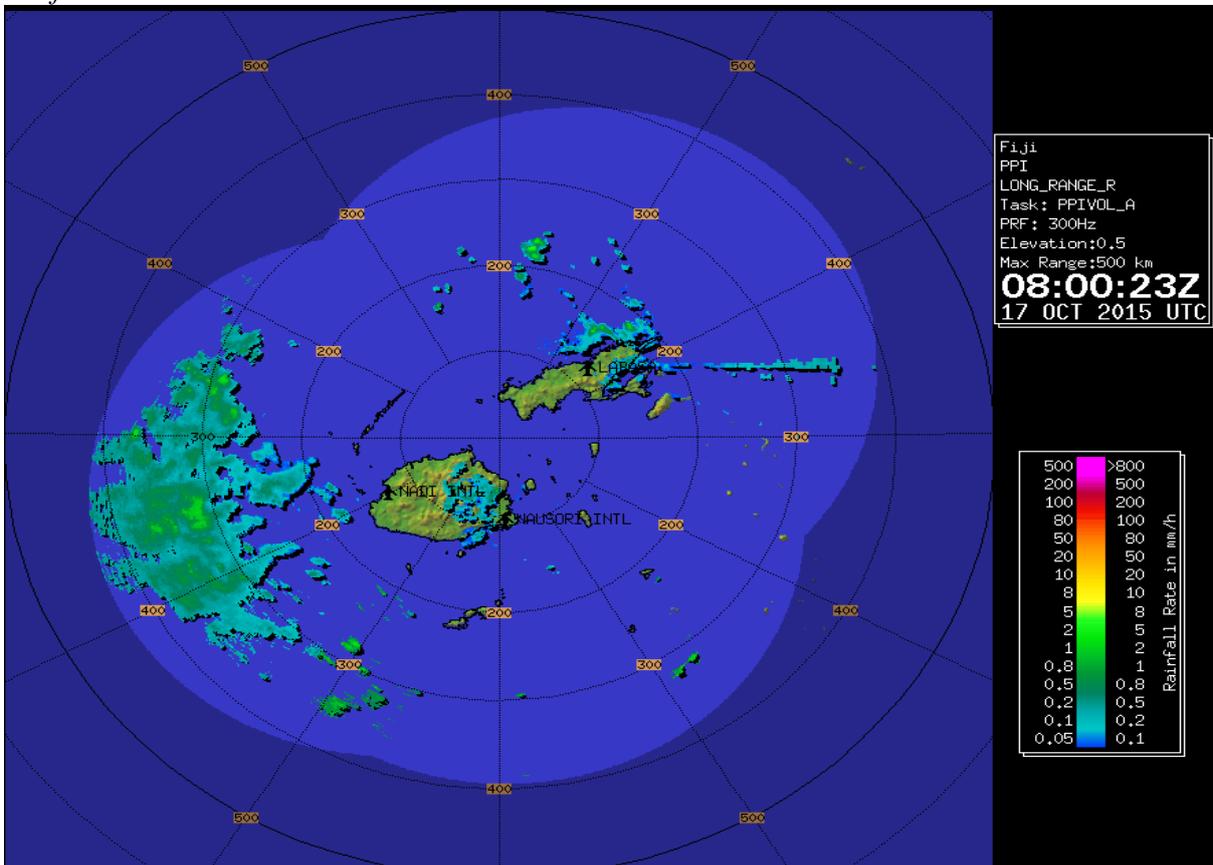


Fig 4: Composite radar image from Labasa, Nadi and Nausori radar at 8am this morning indicating the active rain bands to the west of the group.

Observations	24 Hour Rainfall (mm) (9am yesterday until 9am this morning)
Monasavu	165.0
Laucala Bay	1.5
Nausori	1.1
Lautoka	0.2
Dobuilevu	6.0
Nadarivatu	14.5
Seaqaqa	Nil
Matei	1.6
Viwa	1.8
Matuku	0.2
Udu Point	2.4

Table 1: 24 hour rainfall from 9am yesterday to 9am today at selected stations.

Observations	Wind Direction and Speed (Knots)
Rotuma	060/05
Ono-i-lau	080/15
Matuku	130/15
Vanuabalavu	080/16
Viwa	100/12
Yasawa	100/10
Udu Point	080/12

Table 2: Some wind observation at 9am this morning at selected stations.

It is advisable that all communities remain prepared at all times and keep updated with the latest weather bulletins.

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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