



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

MEDIA RELEASE

STRONG WINDS AND HEAVY RAIN EXPECTED TO AFFECT THE FIJI GROUP FROM LATER TOMORROW.

Issued at 3:00pm Tuesday, 27th January 2026

Key Messages:

1. A **Heavy Rain Alert** is now in force for the Fiji group. (Refer to Figure 1).
2. A **Strong Wind Alert** is now in force for the **Land areas** of Yasawa and Mamanuca groups, northern Vanua Levu, western and northern Viti Levu, Kadavu and nearby Islands.
3. A **Strong Wind Alert** is now in force for **Southwest Viti Levu waters, Yasawa and Mamanuca waters, Northern Vanua Levu Waters, Kadavu and Vatu -I-Ra passages.**

Details

Tropical Disturbance TD07F was officially numbered at **midday today** and was located near **13.9° South, 167.9° East**, just to the **northeast of Vanuatu and far Northwest of Fiji**.

TD07F is expected to track **south-southeast between Vanuatu and Fiji over the next two days**, with a **low chance of intensifying into a tropical cyclone**. However, it is **anticipated to intensify into a Tropical Depression by tomorrow**.

Associated **strong winds and an active trough of low pressure** are expected to bring **occasional to periods of heavy rain over the country**, along with **strong winds from later tomorrow**.

Fresh to Strong northwest winds of up to 55 km/hr, with gusts of up to 80 km/hr, are expected over land areas of the Yasawa and Mamanuca groups, northern Vanua Levu, western and northern Viti Levu, Kadavu, and nearby islands.

- Winds are expected to ease by later Thursday.
- The associated active trough of low pressure is expected to bring **occasional to periods of rain over the Fiji Group from later tomorrow, easing by Friday**.

For Mariners

Due to the strong winds associated with TD07F, a **Strong Wind Alert** is now in force for **South-west Viti Levu waters, Yasawa and Mamanuca waters, Northern Vanua Levu waters, and the Kadavu and Vatu-i-Ra passages**.

Strong northwest winds of 20 to 30 knots, with **gusts of up to 45 knots**, are expected to affect these waters.

The Fiji Meteorological Service will continue to closely monitor TD07F and provide updates on the associated severe weather.

Stay informed through official Fiji Met updates and heed all warnings and advisories issued.

For more information and clarification, please contact the National Weather Forecasting Centre on (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.

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Figure 1: Areas under Heavy Rainfall Alert issued at 3:00pm on 27th January 2026.

