



SITUATION

- TC MATTHEW continued moving over land as an intense Category 4 and made a second landfall near Juaco (Eastern tip of Cuba) on 5 October at 0.00 UTC, as a Category 4 Hurricane, with max sustained winds of 220 km/h. It then continued moving north-west off the northeastern coast of Cuba. On 5 October at 9.00 UTC its center was located 110 km north-northwest of the eastern tip of Cuba and had max. sustained winds of 205 km/h. Very heavy rains and strong winds affected Haiti, south-eastern Cuba and Dominican Republic, during its passage.
- Over the next 24 h it is forecast to continue moving north-west, still as a Category 4 Hurricane, passing through the Bahamas on 5-6 October. Its center could pass off the eastern coast of Florida on 7-8 October, as a Major Hurricane. Very heavy rain, very strong winds and storm surge may still affect Haiti, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Western Jamaica, the Bahamas and Turks and Caicos Islands, Florida (USA) over 5-8 October.
- As of 5 October 9:00 UTC, Hurricane and Tropical Storm Warnings and Hurracine are in effect for several areas of Haiti, Cuba and the Bahamas.
- Local media, as of 5 October early afternoon (UTC), reported in Haiti: four people dead, three injured, over 10 000 evacuated and more than 140 houses damaged in the Departments of Grand'Anse, Nippes, West, Centre, South and Southeast, as well as in the capital city Port-au-Prince. They also reported in Dominican Republic: four people dead, over 21 000 people evacuated, over 440 houses damaged in the capital city of Santo Domingo. In Cuba: 900 000 evacuated in the northeastern provinces as well as in The Bahama: 1 600 evacuated in Grand Bahama and Family islands.

Sources: GDACS, NOAA, Local Media

