



SITUATION

- Tropical Cyclone DONNA (previously called EIGHTEEN) continued moving west-southwest towards the Northern Vanuatu group of islands. On 4 May at 6.00 UTC, its center was located approx. 195 km north-east of Vipaka city (Linaua island, Torba province) and it had max. sustained wind speed of 148 km/h.
- Over the next 24 h, it is forecast to keep motion, strengthening. It may pass over or close to the Northern Vanuatu group of islands on 4 May late afternoon (UTC). Heavy rain, strong winds and storm surge may affect the provinces of Torba, Penama, Sanma and Malampa over 4-5 May as well as the Central and South Vanuatu group over 5-7 May. JRC estimations indicate a maximum storm surge of 0.5 m in Gavigamana town (Torres islands, Torba province) on 5 May at 1.00 UTC. Vanuatu Meteorology and Geo-Hazards Department (VMGD), as of 4 May at 14.00 UTC, reported that a Red Alert for tropical cyclone is in effect for Torba province while a Yellow Alert is in effect for the provinces of Penama and Sanma.

Sources: GDACS, JTWC, VMGD, RSMC

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