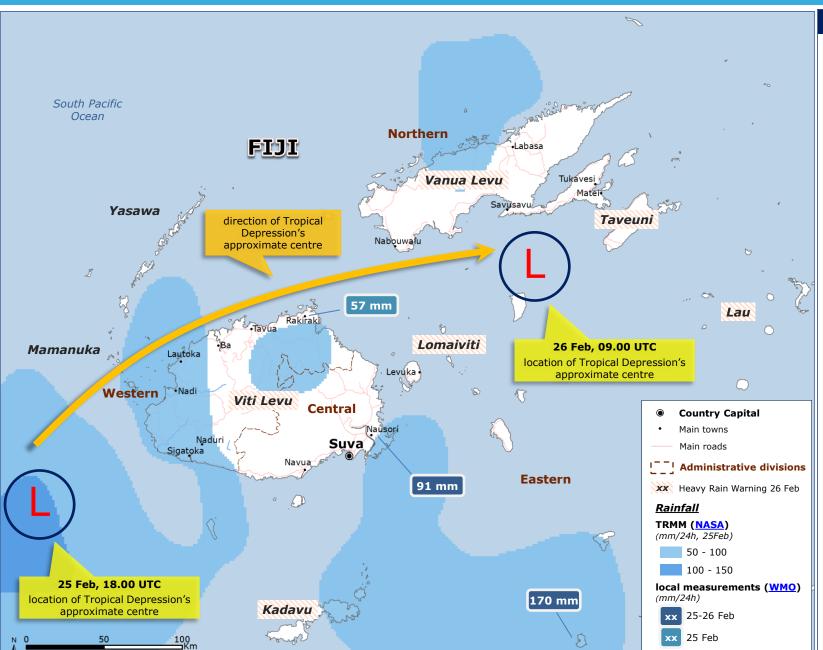
26 February 2014: Fiji – Severe Weather





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SITUATION

- Heavy rainfall affected parts of Fiji in the last 24h, due to a Tropical Depression currently located south of Vanua Levu island. As of 26 February, this Low Pressure System is forecasted to continue moving slowly with an east-northeast direction, slightly intensifying in the following 24h.
- On 25 February, approx. 57mm of rain in 24h were observed in Rakiraki (northern Viti Levu island) and 91mm in Nausori (eastern Viti Levu island).
- As of early 26 February, the rainfall has reportedly caused some flooding in Rakiraki, forcing the closure of a number of roads, according to local media.
- As of 26 February, according to the national meteorological service of Fiji forecast, heavy rainfall and thunderstorms are expected to affect the islands of Vanua Levu, Taveuni, Lau and Lovaiviti groups, the eastern half of Viti Levu, Kadavu and the nearby smaller islands. Consequently, a Heavy Rain Warning is in effect for these islands.

Sources: <u>NMS Fiji</u> (<u>1</u>, <u>2</u>), <u>WMO</u>, Local Media