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Fiji: Vanua Levu island: Minimise non-essential movement following passage of Severe Tropical Cyclone Yasa


OVERVIEW




Level: **Advisory**



Location: Fiji



Category: Cyclone, Infrastructure outage, Transport disruption



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EXPOSURE IN IMPACTED AREA ONLY				
Location	There Now	There in next 24 hours	There in next 1-7 days	There while the alert is active
Fiji (Medium Risk)	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0

Members in Vanua Levu island **until at least 19 December** should minimise non-essential movement following the passage of Severe Tropical Cyclone Yasa. The cyclone, currently a Category 3 (third highest on a five-tier scale), made landfall on Vanua Levu on 17 December. It has since exited Fiji and is moving in a south-east direction away from the country. The authorities have allowed public transport to resume and businesses to re-open. A nationwide curfew is also in place for 18 December. The curfew will be from **17.00-06.00 (all times local)** in Vanua Levu and from **20.00-05.00** in the rest of the country.

MORE DETAIL

Strong winds are still expected in the rest of Fiji, with rough to very rough seas **for 18 December**. There is still potential for storm surges at low lying coastal areas, with heights of up to 10 feet (3 metres) possible during high tide in the evening of 18 December. Flooding in low-lying areas and areas near water bodies remain possible in Vanua Levu and low-lying areas of eastern Viti Levu.

At least two people have reportedly died as a result of the storm. Twenty-one houses and a community hall were destroyed by Yasa in Tiliva (Bua province, Vanua Levu), where the storm made landfall. Parts of Vanua Levu have been rendered inaccessible by flood waters and are without communications but authorities are working to restore essential services in affected areas.

A nationwide COVID-19 related curfew, from 23.00-4.00, will go into effect from **19 December**.

Flight cancellations have been reported at Nadi and Nausori international airports **until at least 18 December**. The Fiji Natural Disaster Management Office (NDMO) has suspended all ferry and public transport services **until further notice**. All schools and bank branches under the Association of Banks in Fiji are also closed. The NDMO has assured the public that essential services will remain available.

Infrastructure damage from strong winds and severe flooding has been reported in villages on Koro and Taveuni islands. Power outages and disruption to water supply and telecommunications have been reported, including in Viti Levu. This may last several days or even weeks. Following the passage of former severe tropical cyclone Harold in April, power was not restored for several weeks. Yasa may also exacerbate existing water supply issues in southern Naitasiri province (Central division, Viti Levu).

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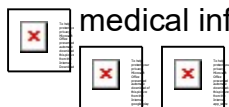
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