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**ALERT #8 ON HURRICANE DORIAN ISSUED BY THE  
BAHAMAS DEPARTMENT OF METEOROLOGY THURSDAY  
29<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2019 AT 6PM EDT.**

**...DORIAN IS FORECAST TO STRENGTHEN INTO A  
MAJOR HURRICANE DURING THE NEXT COUPLE  
OF DAYS...**

**A HURRICANE ALERT REMAINS IN EFFECT FOR THE  
ISLANDS OF THE NORTHWEST BAHAMAS. THIS INCLUDES  
THE ISLANDS OF NEW PROVIDENCE, ELEUTHERA, ABACO,  
GRAND BAHAMA, NORTH ANDROS, BIMINI AND THE  
BERRY ISLANDS.**

**A HURRICANE ALERT MEANS THAT HURRICANE CONDITIONS  
ARE EXPECTED IN THE MENTIONED ISLANDS WITHIN 60  
HOURS.**

**AT 5PM EDT, THE CENTER OF HURRICANE DORIAN WAS  
LOCATED NEAR LATITUDE 22.5 DEGREES NORTH AND  
LONGITUDE 67.7 DEGREES WEST OR ABOUT 232 MILES  
EAST-NORTHEAST OF THE TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS,  
397 MILES EAST-NORTHEAST OF MATTHEW TOWN,  
INAGUA AND 648 MILES EAST-SOUTHEAST OF NEW  
PROVIDENCE.**

**DORIAN IS MOVING TOWARD THE NORTHWEST NEAR 13 MPH,  
AND THIS GENERAL MOTION IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE  
THROUGH FRIDAY. A WEST-NORTHWESTWARD MOTION IS  
FORECASTED TO BEGIN FRIDAY NIGHT AND CONTINUE INTO  
THE WEEKEND. ON THIS TRACK, DORIAN SHOULD MOVE  
OVER THE ATLANTIC, WELL TO THE EAST OF THE TURKS AND  
CAICOS ISLANDS AND THE SOUTHEAST AND CENTRAL  
BAHAMAS TODAY AND FRIDAY, AND APPROACH THE  
NORTHWEST BAHAMAS ON SATURDAY, AND MOVE NEAR OR  
OVER PORTIONS OF THE NORTHWEST BAHAMAS ON SUNDAY.**

**MAXIMUM SUSTAINED WINDS ARE NEAR 85 MILES PER  
HOUR WITH HIGHER GUSTS. STRENGTHENING IS  
FORECAST DURING THE NEXT FEW DAYS AND DORIAN IS**

**EXPECTED TO BECOME A MAJOR HURRICANE ON FRIDAY, AND REMAIN AN EXTREMELY DANGEROUS HURRICANE THROUGH THE WEEKEND.**

HURRICANE FORCE WINDS EXTEND OUTWARD UP TO 15 MILES FROM THE CENTER, AND TROPICAL STORM FORCE WINDS EXTEND OUTWARD UP TO 90 MILES FROM THE CENTER.

**RESIDENTS IN NEW PROVIDENCE, ELEUTHERA, ABACO, GRAND BAHAMA, NORTH ANDROS, BIMINI AND THE BERRY ISLANDS SHOULD ENSURE THAT ALL HURRICANE PREPARATIONS ARE PUT IN PLACE AS THEY CAN BEGIN TO EXPERIENCE THE EFFECTS OF HURRICANE DORIAN BY SATURDAY NIGHT.**

**SMALL CRAFT OPERATORS IN THE NORTHWEST BAHAMAS SHOULD BEGIN TO SEEK SAFE HARBOUR FOR THEIR VESSELS AND MAKE SURE THEY ARE PROPERLY SECURED. MARINERS IN THE TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS AND THE CENTRAL AND SOUTHEAST BAHAMAS SHOULD EXERCISE CAUTION FOR MODERATE TO LARGE SWELLS ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY.**

THE NEXT ALERT ON HURRICANE DORIAN WILL BE ISSUED AT 9PM.

**ISSUED BY: BASIL A. DEAN**

