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PEPA O FA'AMATALAGA 3

TA'AVILIGA VAIVAI O MATAGI 07F MA UIGA FA'ATUPULAIA O PEAU MAMA OLE E'A I MATU-I-SISIFO O SAVAI'I.

O vaega fa'atupulaia o peau māmā ole 'Ea i matū i sisifo o Samoa faapea se vaega tele o ao ma uiga loulouā ole tau o loo a'afia ai le Atunu'u.

Ile itula e 8:00 ile po nei sa maitau'ina ai Ta'aviliga e lua(2) e feso'otai atu i nei uiga loulouā ole tau o fa'amoemoe e aga'i mai ile atunu'u. Ole Ta'aviliga Vaivai o Matagai (07F) e lalata i Tuvalu ma uiga fa'atupulaia o peau mama ole E'a i matu-i-sisifo o Savaii pe tusa male 380kimomita i Asau .

O le vaega fa'atupulaia o uiga louloua ole Tau olo'o iai nei i matu i sisifo o Savai'i e fa'amoemoe e aga'i mai i saute-i-sasa'e ma fa'atupulaia lona malosi i saute ole Atunu'u ile po nei, ma ole a aumaia timuga mamafa fa'apea savili e to'fa'atautau ile po a nanei agai ile aso a taeao.

O le Ta'aviliga 07F o lo'o tumau pea lona auala e pei ona fuafuaina, e agai mai i saute-i-sasae ma e ono lalata mai ile Atunu'u ile po a taeao. E ono fa'atupulaia lona malosi ma avea ma ta'aviliga o matagi malolosi ile isi 24-48 itula o lumanai, ae olo'o maualalo pea le avanoa e ono avea ai ma Matagi Afā . Ole a a'afia le atunu'u i matagi malolosi ma timuga mamafa e āfua mai i lenei Ta'aviliga ile aoauli ole Aso Lua e pe'i ona fa'ailoa mai e masini fa'ava'aitau. Ole a fa'asolo ina sousou le sami ma fa'atupulaia galu fafati maualuluga.

Fautuaina le mamalu lautele ole atunu'u e fa'alologolo mai pea i suiga lalata mai ole tau ole a iai i tulaga fa'atupulaia o nei uiga loulouā ole tau, aua e ono iai le avanoa e toe suia ai le va'ai mamao o iai nei. Toe silasila ane i ta'iala ua ma'ea sanuia i vaitau Afā ma fa'atino gaiogai talafe'agai mo lou saogalemu.

Mo nisi o fa'amatalaga fa'afeso'ota'i mai le Ofisa ole Va'ai Tau ile Numera - +685-20855 po'o le +685-20856 laina 421 po'o le silasila ane i la matou 'upega tafailagi ale Ofisa ole Va'ai Tau www.samet.gov.ws.

Silasila ane i la matou Facebook mo nisi fa'amatalaga i nei uiga loulouā ole tau <https://www.facebook.com/SamoaMeteorologicalServices/>



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MEDIA RELEASE 3

TROPICAL DISTURBANCE 07F AND A BROAD AREA OF LOW PRESSURE NEAR SAMOA

A broad area of low pressure system is situated to the Northwest of Samoa which is associated with Tropical Disturbance 07F. Linked to this broad circulation is an active convergence zone generating an extensive cloud band with embedded rainfall activities and gusty winds that is currently impacting Samoa.

As of 8pm tonight, there are two low-level circulation of concern to Samoa. The Tropical Disturbance 07F (TDO7F) near Tuvalu and a developing low pressure system to the Northwest of Savai'i at about 380km from Asau.

The nearest low pressure system is expected to sink to the south of the island tonight with slight development and will bring heavy rain and gusty winds for tonight and tomorrow.

TDO7F is forecast to follow a similar path and potentially intensify into a Tropical Depression within the next 24-48 hours and a low to moderate potential to develop into a Tropical cyclone. Damaging winds and heavy rain may impact the island by Tuesday afternoon from this system, including very rough seas and dangerous surf.

Members of the public are advised to remain vigilant and stay update-to-date with the latest development of both systems as the forecast track can change in the coming days due to tropical cyclones erratic behaviours in the South Pacific region. Revisit your Tropical Cyclone Action Plan to ensure you are well prepared and take necessary precaution.

For further clarification pertaining to the above information, feel free to contact the National Weather Services – Forecasting Centre on +685-20855 or +685-20856 extension 421 or visit the Samoa Meteorological Service's website, www.samet.gov.ws

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