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TROPICAL CYCLONE INFORMATION STATEMENT

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TROPICAL STORM TAMMY ALERT STATEMENT

ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA METEOROLOGICAL SERVICES

6.00 PM ECT WED, OCT 18, 2023

THIS IS FOR THE LEEWARD ISLANDS AND BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

...NEWLY FORMED TAMMY COULD THREATEN THE LEEWARD ISLANDS
AND BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS...

A TROPICAL CYCLONE ALERT REMAINS IN EFFECT FOR ANTIGUA AND
BARBUDA, THE REST OF THE LEEWARD ISLANDS AND THE BRITISH
VIRGIN ISLANDS. A TROPICAL CYCLONE ALERT MEANS, IN THIS CASE,
THAT A TROPICAL CYCLONE IS IN THE MONITORED AREA OF CONCERN,
AND WATCHES AND WARNINGS MAY BE REQUIRED AT A LATER DATE
FOR PORTIONS OF THE AREA.

AT 500 PM AST (2100 UTC), THE CENTER OF TROPICAL STORM TAMMY
WAS LOCATED NEAR LATITUDE 13.0 NORTH, LONGITUDE 51.7 WEST OR
APPROXIMATELY 751 MILES AWAY FROM ST. KITTS AND NEVIS.

TAMMY IS MOVING TOWARD THE WEST NEAR 23 MPH (37 KM/H). A
WESTWARD MOTION AT A SLOWER FORWARD SPEED IS EXPECTED

THROUGH THURSDAY. A TURN TOWARD THE WEST-NORTHWEST IS FORECAST BY THURSDAY NIGHT, FOLLOWED BY A TURN TOWARD THE NORTHWEST FRIDAY NIGHT OR SATURDAY. ON THE FORECAST TRACK, THE CENTER OF TAMMY WILL MOVE NEAR OR OVER THE LEEWARD ISLANDS FRIDAY AND SATURDAY.

MAXIMUM SUSTAINED WINDS ARE NEAR 40 MPH (65 KM/H) WITH HIGHER GUSTS. GRADUAL STRENGTHENING IS FORECAST DURING THE NEXT COUPLE OF DAYS. TROPICAL-STORM-FORCE WINDS EXTEND OUTWARD UP TO 140 MILES (220 KM) TO THE NORTHEAST OF THE CENTER.

THE ESTIMATED MINIMUM CENTRAL PRESSURE IS 1007 MB (29.74 INCHES).

ON ITS PROJECTED FORECAST PATH, TAMMY COULD BE NEAR THE REGION LATE FRIDAY OR EARLY SATURDAY. WHILE SUFFICIENT UNCERTAINTY REMAINS CONCERNING ITS EVENTUAL PATH AND STRENGTH AT THIS TIME, RESIDENTS SHOULD BE PREPARED FOR IMPACTS FROM STRONG SUSTAINED TROPICAL STORM FORCE WINDS, HEAVY RAINFALL AND ROUGH SEAS ON SATURDAY. THESE CONDITIONS COULD WORSEN IF THE SYSTEM STRENGTHENS FURTHER AND MOVES EVEN CLOSER TO THE ISLANDS.

A TROPICAL STORM WATCH WILL BE ISSUED EARLY TOMORROW WHICH COULD BE UPGRADED TO A TROPICAL STORM WARNING LATER ON THURSDAY.

RESIDENTS ARE URGED TO CONTINUE TO CLOSELY MONITOR TROPICAL STORM TAMMY CLOSELY AND BE PREPARED TO IMPLEMENT THEIR HURRICANE PLANS.

THE NEXT ADVISORY WILL BE AROUND 11PM OR SOONER IF NECESSARY