Tropical Cyclone MATTHEW continued moving north-west strengthening. On 7 October at 9.00 UTC, its centre was located 60 km east-southeast of Cape Canaveral (Florida State) and had max. sustained winds speed of 195 km/h (Category 3 Hurricane). Heavy rain, strong winds and storm surge have already affected The Bahamas. A storm surge of 2.8 m was measured in The Bahamas near West End (Grand Bahamas) on 7 October 0.00 UTC.

Over the next 24 h, it is forecast to move north-west, along the eastern coast of Florida (USA) as a Category 3 Hurricane. Heavy rain, strong winds and storm surge may affect the areas along its path.

As of 7 October 9:00 UTC, a Hurricane Warning is in effect for Northwestern Bahamas and New Providence (The Bahamas) as well as several parts of Florida state (USA). As of the same day, a Tropical Storm Warning is in effect for several parts of Florida state (USA).

According to OCHA reports, as of 7 October early morning (UTC), at least 112 people have been killed, one is still missing, 10 have been injured, at least 1.5 million have been evacuated and over 5 000 homes have been damaged in Haiti, Dominican Republic, Cuba, Jamaica and the Bahamas.

Sources: GDACS, NOAA, OCHA, ECHO, Meteo-Haiti, Local Authorities & Media

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