
Monitoring Hurricane Sandy

From tropical depression in the Caribbean to evacuations in NYC

The first sign of hurricane Sandy was picked up by our news monitoring operations Monday 22 October 2012. One week later, transportation across the US east coast came to a halt as residents prepared for landfall.



Approaching USA

The first storm warning for the United States came late in the evening of Wednesday 24 October local time:

USA: (NOAA) The eastern coast of Florida is put on a Tropical Storm Warning as hurricane Sandy approaches the American mainland.

Tropical depression

Monday 22 Oct 19:13 CET

Jamaica: (ABC) The National Hurricane Center in Miami said Monday that a tropical depression has formed south of Jamaica. The depression is about 515 km south of Kingston and will approach Jamaica on Tuesday night or early Wednesday.

The depression rapidly picked up speed, resulting in closed schools and grounded flights in Jamaica and beyond.

Over 50 people lost their lives as Sandy made her way westwards through Jamaica, Cuba, Bahamas and the Dominican Republic.

As Sandy threatens to halt transportation on US mainland, airlines prepare to get travellers out before landfall.

Friday 26 Oct 23:58 CET

USA: (Boston Globe) - Most U.S. airlines are giving travelers a way out if they want to scrap their plans due to Hurricane Sandy. On its current path, Sandy threatens major disruptions at airports around New York.

Emergency declaration ahead of landfall in North-Eastern Coast

Saturday 27 October 11:11 CET

USA (CNN) - UPDATE: Meteorologists warn that the storm Sandy packs the potential to slam the U.S. Northeast as soon as Monday with powerful winds and pelting rain, and morph into a "superstorm" that could sit over New England for days.



Public transportation shut- down and mandatory evacuations in NYC

Sunday 28 October 15:39 CET "USA: (AP) - Gov. Cuomo has ordered New York City's transit service to suspend bus, subway, and commuter rail service on Sunday 7pm in advance of the massive storm expected to hit the eastern third of the United States.

Sunday 28 October 17:26 CET

USA: (Starbroek) - Update: Areas of New York City from City Island to Coney Island to Battery Park City are under mandatory evacuation because of approaching Hurricane Sandy.

Hurricane Sandy makes landfall in New Jersey on the evening of Monday 29 October 2012.

- It was very useful to get updates on the latest developments of Hurricane Sandy during my trip to Virginia Beach. I did feel safe at my location. However, I was anxious about the situation in New York, as I was due to transit through there on my way back home. As a result of the storm, my return home was delayed by three days. In such a situation, it was invaluable for me to get those updates from AidCom on my phone.

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