



MINISTRY OF INTERIOR AND NATIONAL ADMINISTRATION

PRESS RELEASE

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PUBLIC SAFETY ALERT ON CYCLONE HIDAYA

1. Scientific tracking of Cyclone Hidaya has established that the Cyclone has now acquired full status with the capability of remaining so until it hits the Coasts of Kenya and Tanzania any time now.
2. The Cyclone could generate massive precipitation with strong winds and powerful waves capable of significantly disrupting normal activities within Kenya's territorial waters in the Indian Ocean as well as human settlements along the Kenyan Coast.
3. The Government cautions members of the public engaged in fishing, swimming and leisure activities within Kenya's territorial waters and the beaches of Kwale, Mombasa, Kilifi and Lamu Counties that available scientific information points to the possibility of risk to life and property within these areas.
4. As a precautionary measure, activities within Kenya's territorial waters, along the beaches and within settlements adjacent to the shoreline will have to be disrupted for public safety reasons.
5. Accordingly, the County Security and Intelligence Committees (CSICs) of Kwale, Mombasa, Kilifi and Lamu Counties in collaboration with the Kenya Coast Guard Service(KCGS) are directed to immediately issue notices and to strictly enforce a ban on beach activities, fishing, swimming, non-essential transport within Kenya's territorial waters and evacuate settlements deemed too close to the shoreline effective today, May 4, 2024 at 5.00pm up to and until midnight on Monday, May 6, 2024 when Cyclone Hidaya is expected to expire.

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