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### **NEWS ITEM**

NEWS ITEMS ON **HURRICANE MELISSA** ISSUED BY THE BAHAMAS DEPARTMENT OF METEOROLOGY FORECAST OFFICE SECTION, AT 12:00 PM SUNDAY, 26<sup>TH</sup>, OCTOBER 2025.

**...MAJOR HURRICANE MELISSA CONTINUES SLOWLY WESTWARD WITH LITTLE  
CHANGE IN STRENGTH...**

**...LIFE-THREATENING AND CATASTROPHIC FLASH FLOODING AND LANDSLIDES  
EXPECTED IN PORTIONS OF JAMAICA AND SOUTHERN HISPANIOLA THROUGH  
MIDWEEK...**

AT 11:00 AM EDT, THE CENTER OF **HURRICANE MELISSA** WAS LOCATED NEAR **LATITUDE 16.4° NORTH AND LONGITUDE 76.6° WEST** OR ABOUT 110 MILES SOUTH OF KINGSTON, JAMAICA, 280 MILES SOUTH-SOUTHWEST OF GUANTANAMO, CUBA OR 370 MILES SOUTHWEST OF MATTHEW TOWN, INAGUA.

**HURRICANE MELISSA IS MOVING TOWARD THE WEST AT 3 MILES PER HOUR.** A SLOW WESTWARD MOTION IS EXPECTED TODAY, FOLLOWED BY A TURN TO THE NORTH AND NORTHEAST ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY. ON THE FORECAST TRACK, THE CORE OF MELISSA IS EXPECTED TO MOVE NEAR OR OVER JAMAICA ON TUESDAY, ACROSS SOUTHEASTERN CUBA TUESDAY NIGHT, AND ACROSS THE SOUTHEASTERN BAHAMAS ON WEDNESDAY.

**MAXIMUM SUSTAINED WINDS ARE NEAR 140 MPH WITH HIGHER GUSTS.** MELISSA IS A CATEGORY 4 HURRICANE ON THE SAFFIR-SIMPSON HURRICANE WIND SCALE. ADDITIONAL INTENSIFICATION IS FORECAST OVER THE NEXT DAY OR SO, FOLLOWED BY FLUCTUATIONS IN INTENSITY. MELISSA IS EXPECTED TO BE A POWERFUL MAJOR HURRICANE WHEN MAKING LANDFALL IN JAMAICA MONDAY NIGHT OR TUESDAY MORNING AND SOUTHEASTERN CUBA LATE TUESDAY.

THE NEXT NEWS ITEM WILL BE ISSUED AT 6:00 PM.

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