



Hurricane Matthew – Crawford® ready to respond

A team of Crawford Global Technical Services® adjusters is in Miami, awaiting their first opportunity to travel to affected areas including the Bahamas, after Hurricane Matthew made a 'direct hit' into the island on Thursday.

According to local reports, the island's capital Nassau is "under water," suffering sustained winds of more than 100 mph, with the eye of the storm missing the Bahamas by a small margin.

GTS® Adjuster Martin Taylor reported back from the region at 1200 GMT on 7 October. "By the early hours of Thursday morning, Matthew was making its way through Grand Bahama," he said. "This looks like a virtual direct hit. The island is very low lying and with a 10-15 ft. storm surge, the damage will be serious."

Crawford has advised clients to monitor progress of the storm through its partner organization [Tropical Storm Risk](#), which has a detailed pathway and forecast prediction as Matthew heads northwest toward Florida before tracking clockwise along the Eastern Seaboard of the United States as it weakens. "There remains a high probability (80%+) of tropical storm winds along the Florida coast and as far north as Orlando and Jacksonville by 1800 GMT," said Martin.

Meanwhile, a full deployment has been prepared from the Crawford Command Center in Atlanta, GA. This facility provides inventory management for claims across the U.S. and houses an experienced team of business analysts that constantly monitor key performance indicators of all open U.S. claims using proprietary software and the latest technology.

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