



Cyclone Dikeledi Hits Mayotte

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Cyclone Dikeledi hit Mayotte, a French Indian Ocean territory, located in the [Mozambique Channel](#) (Indian Ocean).

- **About Mayotte:**

- It consists of **two islands** of the [Comoros archipelago](#), with the main island called **Mayotte (or Grande Terre)** and the **smaller island Pamandzi (Petite Terre)**.
- It is the **poorest territory** in both **France** and the [European Union](#).



- **France colonised** Mayotte in **1843** and **annexed** the whole archipelago, including Comoros, in **1904**.
 - In a **1974** referendum, **95%** backed **separation** but **63%** of Mayotte voted to **stay French**.
 - **Grande Comore, Anjouan and Moheli** declared independence in **1975**. **Mayotte** is still ruled from **Paris**.
- **Cyclone Chido**, which had struck **Mayotte** in **December 2024**, was the **worst** storm to hit the archipelago in **90 years**.

CYCLONE

Cyclones are rapid **inward** air circulation around a **low-pressure** area.

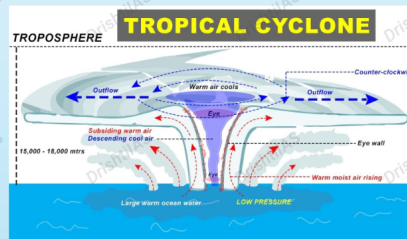


Cyclone v/s Anticyclone

Pressure System	Pressure Condition at the Center	Pattern of Wind Direction	
		Northern Hemisphere	Southern Hemisphere
Cyclone	Low	Anticlockwise	Clockwise
Anticyclone	High	Clockwise	Anticlockwise

Classification

- **Tropical Cyclones;** originate between the **Tropics of Capricorn and Cancer**
- **Extra Tropical/ Temperate Cyclones;** originate in the **Polar Regions**



Conditions for Formation

- Large sea surface with temperature $>27^{\circ}\text{C}$.
- Presence of the **Coriolis force**
- Small **variations in the vertical wind speed**
- A **pre-existing weak low- pressure area**
- **Upper divergence** above the sea level system

Different Names for Tropical Cyclones

- **Typhoons** - Southeast Asia and China
- **Hurricanes** - North Atlantic and eastern Pacific
- **Tornados** - West Africa and southern USA
- **Willy-willies** - Northwest Australia
- **Tropical Cyclones** - Southwest Pacific and Indian Ocean

Nomenclature

- Nodal Authority - **World Meteorological Organization (WMO)**
- Indian Ocean Region - **Bangladesh, India, Maldives, Myanmar, Oman, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Thailand** contribute to naming cyclones that occur in this region.

Cyclones in India

- **Bi-annual Cyclone Season** - March to May and October to December
- Recent Cyclones - **Tauktae, Vayu, Nisarga and Mekanu** (in Arabian Sea) and **Asani, Amphan, Fani, Nivar, Bulbul, Titli, Yaas and Sitrang** (in Bay of Bengal)

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