Tornado hits town of Lennox Head, NSW

Posted by taipan - 2010/06/03 00:17

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Just read in the news that the small town of Lennox Head, coastal northern New South Wales, was hit by a tornado this morning. Apparently the ciculation began as a water spout over the ocean, but then moved ashore where it intensified and destroyed several houses and overturned caravans. The storm was embedded in a deep low that has been off the east coast for the last few days.

Source: ninemsn.com.au.

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Re:Tornado hits town of Lennox Head, NSW

Posted by tjm - 2010/06/03 01:27

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Quote from the Sydney Morning Herald

"The spokesman said that, as well as watching out for further waterspouts this morning, emergency services would also have to be careful of rising flood waters.

"It will go all day, this is just the entree according to the Bureau . They said the rain trough will intensify throughout the day so we are also on flood watch," he said.

Weatherzone.com.au meteorologist Brett Dutschke said Lennox Head received more than 160mm of rain overnight.

He warned that current conditions could lead to another waterspout. A flood warning is in place."

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Re:Tornado hits town of Lennox Head, NSW

Posted by Kahlia - 2010/06/03 02:23

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Oh interesting!! I'll have to watch the news tonight.

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Re:Tornado hits town of Lennox Head, NSW

Posted by AUS_Twisted - 2010/06/03 02:33

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Just heard about this to, can clearly see the rotating cell from radar history move inland and back out to sea again.

This taken from www.abc.net.au

http://www.abc.net.au/reslib/201006/r577642_3609879.jpg

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Re:Tornado hits town of Lennox Head, NSW
Posted by mikeO - 2010/06/03 05:20

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The profiles do in fact show it was supercellular in nature. The funnel that made landfall actually had a satellite funnel circulating it. Given the hail and winds, this storm certainly turned nasty. Damage estimates are around EF2 scale and several people were injured.

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Re:Tornado hits town of Lennox Head, NSW
Posted by Kahlia - 2010/06/03 05:26

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Wow, there's a really good photo gallery on that site. I wonder how much they'll actually show on the news...last night I caught the tail end of a report of some aussies in tornado alley at the moment, chasing. Seemed like a decent story too, not just a 10 sec one.

I wonder what EF rating they'll give it? I'm no expert, but it could be a 2 maybe? Judging from the photo's....twisted metal, upturned caravans, tree branches everywhere & down power lines.

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Re:Tornado hits town of Lennox Head, NSW
Posted by nin015 - 2010/06/03 10:09

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This was amazing!

They said winds where over 170km per hour so I'm guessing EF1
or maybe even a EF2.

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Re:Tornado hits town of Lennox Head, NSW
Posted by AussieStormChaserMatt - 2011/06/20 00:53

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Hi all

This small town is part of my hometown (Lennox Head is part of Ballina).

I wasn't there at the time which is sucks. I found some nice video on youtube taken by someone of the tornado debris!

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s0GB1i0Zs5A

Here good video clip of the damage

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-2GvbdMLwTE

I believe it is EF2 due to very strongly structured homes are being demolished.

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