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Bermuda Whiplashed by Wind, Waves and Hurricane Teddy Spins East

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Waves crash onto a property in Bermuda on Monday. By. BERNEWS

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Tropical storm wind gusts and big waves battered Bermuda on Monday as Hurricane Teddy spun just east of the wealthy British territory, sparing it a direct hit.

The hurricane lost strength in its approach and dropped to a Category 1 storm as it headed to Nova Scotia, which was under a tropical storm warning from Digby to Meat Cove. A tropical storm watch was issued for the Magdalen Islands, from Meat Cove to Tidnish, north of Digby to Fort Lawrence and from Port aux Basques to Francois, Newfoundland.

Teddy was located about 250 miles (400 kilometers) northeast of Bermuda Monday night. It had maximum sustained winds of 90 mph (150 kph) and was moving north at 26 mph (43 kph),

according to the U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami.

Hurricane Teddy was generating large swells across the U.S. Atlantic coast and northern Caribbean, with officials in Puerto Rico reporting two drownings and the rescue of one boogie boarder. The storm also knocked out power to more than 200 clients across Bermuda and forced the government to close all air and sea ports, schools and government offices for the second time in a week. They are scheduled to reopen on Tuesday.

Hurricane Paulette made landfall in Bermuda on Sept. 14 as a Category 1 storm and then strengthened into a Category 2, knocking down trees and leaving thousands without power.