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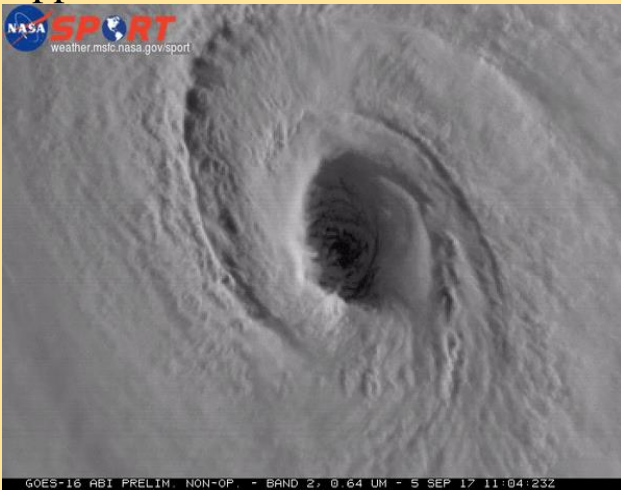


My Hurricane Irma experience

By now we all know about the damage hurricane Irma did to St. Maarten. I experienced the hurricane myself. They say it did more damage on the French side.

On the Dutch side 4 people died, on French side at least 9 people died. It all happened on the night from Tuesday to Wednesday (4 and 5 september). In that night electricity and water went out. And in the first part (before the eye) a lot of people their roofs flew off.

In the eye, people went to neighbours because in the eye it was quiet and that lasted for at least 30 minutes. In the second part (after the eye) the hell broke out. After the hurricane a lot of people started plunder the place. Some people cars flew away, flipped around and broke in half.



Hurricane Irma “The eye”.

A flipped car.

I had to bath with a bottle of water. Me and my aunt where standing by a pond with empty bottles so we could fill them with water to flush the toilet. When it was night we had to do it with candles and lights that work on batteries. In the morning and afternoon we had the light of the sun shining in our house. The roads were all blocked because trees fell down. On the road there were a lot of militarys and police to stop the people from looting. After 6 days we tried to leave the island. The 1st day we waited for 6 hours but all planes of the Dutch militarys were full. The next day we were lucky and got on a plane to leave the island. And so we went via Curacao to Holland.

the plane that brought us to Curacao



On the floor in the plane



In the plane in Sint Maarten. It was packed with people!

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