

‘Storm of the Century’: Dozens Dead After 185 MPH Hurricane Melissa Devastates Jamaica, Haiti, Cuba

Hurricane Melissa, dubbed “the storm of the century,” continues its destructive path through the Caribbean. Officials across the region report that at least 30 people have been killed so far.

In Jamaica, where the storm first made landfall on Tuesday, the devastation is widespread. Communities are underwater, roads are blocked, and homes have been destroyed. More than 70 percent of the island remains without power. Hurricane Melissa came ashore with sustained winds of 185 miles per hour – stronger than Hurricane Katrina.

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Jessica and Shelly Pope, who were vacationing in Jamaica when the storm hit, described the destruction while sheltering at their resort.

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“Every inch of the grounds is just decimated,” Jessica said in an interview with CBN’s Faith Nation. “We can’t leave the resort. I don’t know what it’s like outside of here. I imagine

it's just awful."

The couple said they spent the day after the storm with all of their windows open, trying to air out their flooded third-story room.

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"Sandals put all of us in one central building," Shelly said. "Nobody was on the first floor. Everybody was second floor up. The people on the fourth floor – we were watching the roof blow off like paper."

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