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The Guma' Hustisia, Iimwal Aweewe, House of Justice in Susupe, Saipan, is closed until further notice due to the effects of Super Typhoon Yutu. The Guma' Hustisia sustained major damage and is currently unsafe for both the public and staff.

The Kotten Tinian sustained minor damage and is anticipated to be operational within a week.

The Centron Hustisia on Rota is operational and open to the public during regular business hours.

The Commonwealth Judiciary's alternative site at the Northern Marianas College sustained damage that must be assessed before operations can occur. However, court hearings will continue to be scheduled at the United States District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands. At this time, the Judiciary has not identified an appropriate site to conduct traffic cases. An announcement will be made at a later date regarding the venue for traffic cases.

The Judiciary is currently working to find other alternate sites to provide essential court services to the public, ensure access to justice, and provide a continuity of court operations. We appreciate the public's patience and understanding as we work towards rebuilding our Judiciary and our islands.

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