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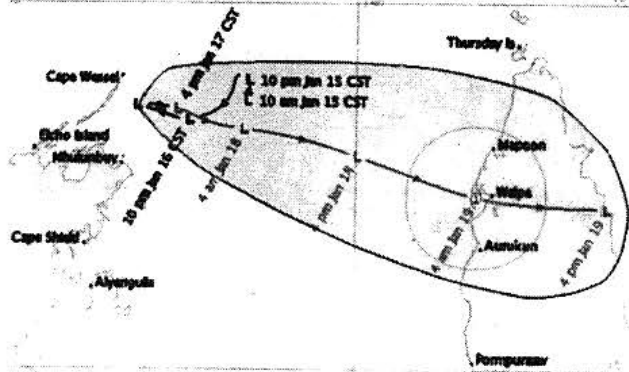
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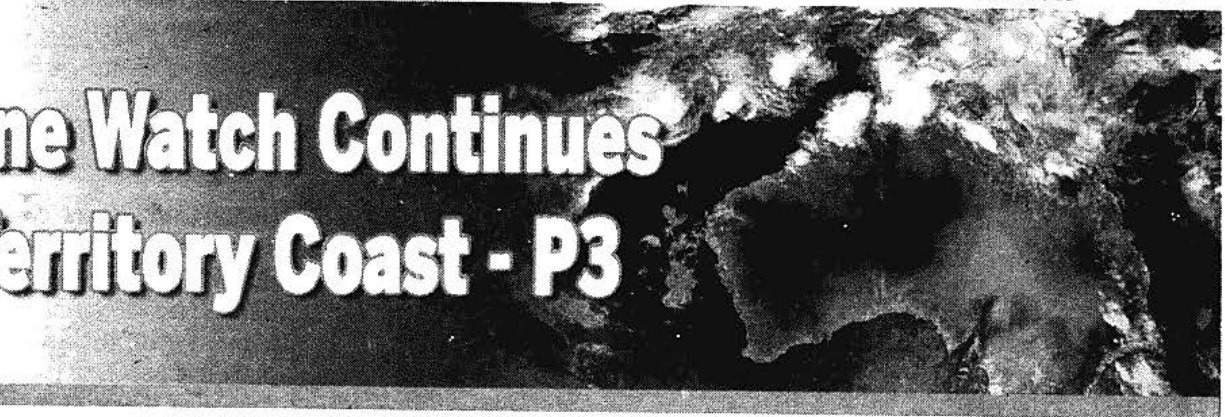
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## Cyclone Watch Continues off Territory Coast - P3



### Weapons cache found after fire starts in bedroom

# Tear gas grenade set off in unit

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A STASH of weapons was found in a Territory unit after a tear gas grenade started a fire and forced the evacuation of the building.

Police and the fire brigade  
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# Tear gas grenade sparks fire in unit

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were called to the Tropicana apartments (*pictured*) on Hudson Fysh Ave at Parap about 8.45am on Saturday after clouds of smoke were seen coming from a room.

When they arrived they found a CS (tear gas) grenade had been set off, starting a small fire in the room.

Officers also found the stash of weapons, understood to include a .308 calibre rifle, an air pistol and several more tear gas grenades, in the apartment. It is believed two men had been involved in the incident where the grenade was set off.

Occupants of an entire floor were evacuated as the gas, which is used by riot police and military units for dispersing crowds, was cleared.

Police watch commander Craig Ryan said one of the men, a member of the navy, is being investigated over the weapons stash.

"It would appear when the grenade went off it set fire to bedding," he said. "There was smoke in the air and a caustic chemical smell."

"There was a search made by the military police explosives unit."

"The bomb squad did a clearance of the area."

"They seized a number of items."

He said the police could not comment further because it was now a Defence investigation.

Defence said the incident was under a joint investigation by NT police and the Australian Defence Force Investigation Service.

Media officer Emma Halliwell said the matter was a joint investigation between NT Police and ADSIS, so they couldn't comment until the police gave the OK.

It is believed some of the weapons were alleged to have been stolen. But it is not known if they came from the Darwin base HMAS Coonawarra.

Neither police nor defence would say if the navy sailor involved had been arrested.

