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Update on the Observed Tornado: 9 October 2025: Germiston (Rand Airport Area)

Following an on-the-ground damage assessment of the observed tornado in the vicinity of the Rand Airport, Germiston, on 9 October 2025, the South African Weather Service (SAWS) can confirm that **no significant damage** was observed. The only impacts noted were broken tree branches at the golf course adjacent to the airport, along with signs of heavy rainfall from thunderstorms, including puddles and muddy conditions.

Community members in the area also confirmed that there were no structural damage or disruptive impacts associated with the event that was observed on social media.

Based on these findings, the SAWS has classified the event as an EF0 tornado. An EF0 is the weakest category on the Enhanced Fujita Scale, with estimated wind speeds of 105 – 137 km/h. Such tornadoes typically result in minor damage, such as broken branches, shallow-rooted trees being pushed over, and light damage to roofs.

While EF0 tornadoes are relatively weak, they remain dangerous weather phenomena, and the public is urged to always exercise caution during severe thunderstorms.

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