



Barbuda has been left completely devastated by Hurricane Irma. An estimated 95% of Barbuda's structures are damaged, and the entire island of around 1,800 people has been evacuated.

"The damage is complete," says Ambassador Ronald Sanders, who has served as Antigua and Barbuda's ambassador to the U.S. since 2015. "For the first time in 300 years, there's not a single living person on the island of Barbuda — a civilization that has existed on that island for over 300 years has now been extinguished."

According to Sanders, Irma was "the most ferocious, cruel and merciless storm" in the island's history. The hurricane was 378 miles wide when it descended on Barbuda, which is just 62 square miles.

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