



National Emergency Management Organization

“Preserving Life and Property”

ADVISORY NO. 7

AREA OF LOW PRESSURE AFFECTING BELIZE
SUNDAY, 18th October 2015
10:00 P.M.

NEMO hereby informs that even though the weather is improving in some parts of the country the main concern is that the water is heading down river, which is likely to cause the Mopan and Belize Rivers to flood. The low tide which occurred at 6:25 p.m., this evening caused most the flood waters to recede in Belize City. The next high tide is at 1:13 a.m., Monday, 19th October and if the rains continue water levels could rise a bit, but will run off again tomorrow morning at the next low tide at 8:34 a.m., when the remainder of water is expected to drain off the city. Moist and unstable conditions will produce more showers but the country should experience improvement in the weather by Tuesday or Wednesday. The forecast is for periods of scattered showers. Everybody is asked to remain vigilant.

SHELTERS

- In Belize City 2 Shelters are opened, ITVET with 80 people and YWCA with 27 people.
- In Orange Walk San Jose Community Center is open with 60 people.
- In Corozal 2 shelters are opened, Guadalupe R.C with 16 people and Mary Hill with 6 people.
- In San Pedro R.C School is opened with one family.
 - A total of 194 persons are in shelters countrywide. All shelterees were fed.

ROAD CONDITIONS

Closed:

- In Gracie Rock water is 2ft above road and is impassable and closed to vehicular traffic.
- Hopkins /Sittee River road

Flooded and Passable:

- Sarteneja road is flooded but passable ONLY to **LARGE** vehicles.
- White Ridge Road leading to Gales Point is flooded but passable to large vehicle
- Maskall road is flooded but passable and in some areas the road is washed out and poorly lit.

RIVER CONDITIONS

- The Belize River is rising and residents of Grace Bank; St. Paul's Bank; Willows Bank; Double Head Cabbage; Bermudian Landing; Isabella Bank; Flowers Bank; May Pen; Burrell Boom, Lord's Bank and Ladyville are asked to observe and make the necessary preparations.
- People living along the Macal and Mopan rivers must remain vigilant as the waters head down-stream will cause flooding.
- In Toledo, Bladden is thirteen (13) feet above normal
- The public is advised to stay out of flooded waters in order to prevent an outbreak of disease.

DRAINAGE

- Digging of drains must be done only after consultation with the utility companies.
- Currently drainage works are going on in:
 - In Corozal in Chula Vista and tomorrow in Libertad
 - In the Belize District in Lucky Strike
 - In Cayo in Paslow Falls, Bullet Tree Falls and Maya Heights areas providing immediate relief to one hundred and one (101) families

NEMO Emergency Coordinators can be reached as follows; **Corozal**, Mr. Williard Levy at 623 0237; **Orange Walk**, Ms. Suliema Celiz at 605 5046, **Northern Regional Coordinator**, Mr. Aragon at 636 6094; **Belize District**, Mr. Calbert Budd at 602 8632 and Mr. Kevin Pollard at 621 2275; **San Pedro**, Ms. Timrose Augustine at 600 8672; **Belmopan**, Ms. Clare Moody at 630 9791; **Cayo**, Mr. Al Westby at 630 3224; **Stann Creek**, Mr. Victor Castillo at 630 9780; and **Toledo**, Mr. Kenton Parham at 630 9787. The NEMO Emergency Hotline is 936. The media is requested to get as much as possible details from people requesting assistance such as the exact amount of people needing assistance, their exact location , what exactly is needed etc.

The public is asked to pay close attention the NEMO advisories.

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