



National Emergency Management Organization

“Preserving Life and Property”

ADVISORY NO. 11

AREA OF LOW PRESSURE AFFECTING BELIZE
TUESDAY 20TH October 2015
3:00 p.m.

Another area of low pressure near the coast of Belize has moved inland over the Yucatan Peninsula and weakened. Development of this system now appears unlikely. However, this system could produce locally heavy rains across portions of Belize, during the next few days.

RIVER CONDITIONS

- Rio Hondo River is at flood stage and rising. 4 boats and a BDF truck is on standby to assist Douglas and San Antonio residents with evacuation and movement to and from town. Residents are advised to move voluntarily for those who can.
- 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.
- The Mopan River is 18 inches above normal. People living along the Macal and Mopan rivers must remain vigilant. The river is now rising and reports are that the Mopan River at La Polvora in Peten Guatemala is at high flood state. As the water heads down-stream it will cause severe flooding in Western and Central Belize. The Communities of Arenal, Benque Viejo, Succotz, Calla Creek, Bullet Tree Falls and Santa Familia must pay particular attention to this notice.
- BECOL REPORT: Challilo Dam is 9.42m or 30.9 ft below spillway
- Mollejon Dam is 1.51m or 4.95ft below spillway
- Vaca Dam is 0.56m or 1.83 ft bellow spillway
- In Toledo, Bladden is receding but remains 6 feet above normal
- Blue Creek River is 1 ½ ft over the bridge and rising. This bridge is only passable to large vehicles. Drivers are asked to exercise extreme caution when crossing this area.

SHELTERS

- In Belize City 2 Shelters remain open ITVET and YWCA with 51 and 32 people respectively.
- In Orange Walk San, Estevan Community Center is open with 15 people
- In Corozal, 29 shelterees from Guadalupe R.C School will be relocated to Ranchito Community Center.
- In Bomba 1 Shelter is open with 6 people
- In San Pedro 3 persons are in a private shelter.
 - All shelterees are being assisted the basic needs.
 - A total of 136 persons are in shelter

HEALTH

- People are strongly discouraged from rigging illegal electrical wiring. This practice must cease immediately as it is a serious threat to life and property. Perpetrators will be arrested and charged.
 - In San Pedro, health personnel will start spraying for mosquitoes on Thursday.
 - Top water in Belize City is clean and safe.
 - All who live in flooded sections of the city and other flood areas around the country are strongly discouraged from playing in flood waters for own health safety and that of the community and the country in order to avoid an outbreak of disease. Water must be boiled for at least one minute and cooled before drinking if you are not using bottled water. Or use 8 drops of chlorax or bleach to one gallon of water, stir it well before drinking it. The ministry of Health will be doing larviciding and vector control activities when the water goes down.
1. Cleopatra White Clinic is now open.
 2. Vector Control Officers are currently conducting preliminary assessments and spraying to prevent an outbreak of Dengue and Chikungunya.
 3. The Ministry is asking the public to cooperate with these officers as they clean up breeding sites for mosquitoes.
 4. *For more Information, please contact the nearest health facility in your community.*

ROAD CONDITIONS

Flooded and Passable:

- Sarteneja road is flooded but passable ONLY to **LARGE** vehicles. Sarteneja water system is down, however repairs should be completed by tonight.
- Buena Vista water system has been affected but the water that people are using from the reservoir is clean.
- The Ministry of Health in Corozal will be providing purification tablets for all the affected areas. It is recommended to run tap water for 5 minutes before using
- White Ridge Road leading to Gales Point is flooded but passable to large vehicle
- Maskall road remains flooded but passable and in some areas the road is washed out and poorly lit.

SHUTTLE FROM SARTENEJA TO COROZAL TOWN:

- At 6:00 a.m. this morning the Belize National Coast Guard transported students from Sarteneja to Corozal Town, the return trip will be at 3:00 p.m.

DRAINAGE

- Digging of drains can only be done if the utility companies are notified and are involved in the digging.

Trenching is taking place in Corozal, in Chula Vista and Libertad, in the Belize District, Lucky Strike and in Cayo in Paslow Falls, Bullet Tree Falls and Maya Heights

All NEMO District EOCs are activated. Additional emergency relief items, mattresses, food (including hot meals) and water being mobilized in all areas of the country.

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 615-2264; **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.

We are kindly requesting that the media get as much details as possible from people requesting assistance such as: the exact number of people needing assistance, their location and what is needed etc.

The public is advised to continue to pay close attention to NEMO advisories as most of the rivers are under flood watch.

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