



National Emergency Management Organization *“Preserving Life and Property”*

ADVISORY NO. 1

AREA OF DISTURBED WEATHER OVER THE NORTHWEST CARIBBEAN

FRIDAY, 16TH JUNE 2017 as at 3:00 p.m.

The National Emergency Management Organization (NEMO) in close collaboration with the National Meteorological Service hereby informs the general public that a large area of disturbed weather has formed over the northwest Caribbean Sea and adjacent land areas of Central America. The system is unlikely to develop significantly within 24 hours, but there is a medium chance for further development during Sunday and Monday as it moves north-westward across the Yucatan Peninsula and into the Gulf of Mexico. Even though significant development is not expected at this time, the system is expected to produce moderate to heavy rainfall over the country. Rainfall is expected to increase over most areas tonight and persist through the weekend. Heavy rainfall will cause localized flooding over low lying coastal areas, and may lead to flash flooding near rivers and streams especially in the south.

- People in coastal and southern Belize are advised to make the necessary arrangements to protect life and property.
- If you are at risk to flooding be prepared to move to higher grounds, with family or friends or to a community shelter and check on family members and neighbours who might be in need of assistance.
- Do not wait until it's too late to take action.
- Drivers are asked to drive with extreme care to avoid accidents due to slippery road conditions.

NEMO emergency coordinators can be reached as follows;

- Corozal**, Mr. Williard Levy at 623 0237;
- Orange Walk**, Ms. Suliema Celiz at 605 5046, or Mr. Aragon at 636 6094;
- Belize District**, Mr. Lionel Tillett at 6154834 and Mr. Kevin Pollard at 621 2275;
- San Pedro**, Ms. Vanessa Parham at 632 3698;
- Belize City**, Ms. Timrose Augustine at 600 8672;
- Belmopan**, Ms. Clare Moody at 630 9791;
- Cayo**, Mr. Al Westby at 630 3224 or Mr. Johnny Ramclam at 625 2526;
- Stann Creek**, Mr. Keith Emmanuel at 615 9711; and
- Toledo**, Mr. Kenton Parham at 630 9787.
- The NEMO Emergency Hotline is 936.

The public is asked to continue to pay attention to the official reports and advisories from the National Meteorological Service and NEMO. Do not listen to rumours. Stay alert.

NEMO national and district committees and the respective support agencies are asked to remain on alert over the weekend as NEMO continues to monitor the area of low pressure.

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