



National Emergency Management Organization
"Preserving Life and Property"

TROPICAL STORM GRACE

TUESDAY 17TH AUGUST, 2021 as at 2:00 pm

ADVISORY NUMBER 1

The National Meteorological Services of Belize and NEMO hereby inform the general public that at midday Tropical Storm Grace was centered near 18.5N latitude, 77.5W west longitude moving just **north of due west** at 15mph with max sustain winds of 50mph and minimum, the central pressure of 1005MB. Grace is almost due west of Corozal town and based on the forecast it should continue to gain some northward latitude before making landfall somewhere between Playa del Carmen and Tulum, Mexico late Wednesday night into early Thursday morning as a category 1 hurricane. It is forecasted to make landfall north of Belize. The country will be on the calmer side of the system.

The current forecast indicates the wind speed will be between 10 to 20 knots. Showers and thunderstorms will increase especially over the northern half of the country on Wednesday night and persist through to Saturday. Total rainfall throughout this period is forecasted to be around 1 to 3 inches with isolated higher amounts. As a result, flooding is possible in low-lying areas. Winds are likely to become gusty during showers and thunderstorms and sea conditions will become rough later on Wednesday due mostly to northerly swells. A small craft warning will likely be in place.

At the time of this advisory, a **Tropical Storm or Hurricane Watch, or Warning is not required for Belize**. We continue to monitor very closely to verify that this system gains latitude.

The public is advised to remain vigilant and to closely monitor the system even though the models, at this time, are predicting that Grace will not be a direct threat to Belize. It is in our zone and these systems can be unpredictable so out of precaution it must be monitored closely. This advisory is issued as a precaution due to the proximity and the direction of movement of Tropical Storm Grace.

The NEMO Emergency Hotline is 936. NEMO Emergency Operations Centre (EOCs) from Belize City northwards will be partially activated by 8:00 a.m., on Wednesday, August 2021 to monitor Tropical Storm Grace, to be prepared for full activation and response actions.

We are approaching the peak period of the hurricane season all are reminded to review their Hurricane plan, and to make arrangements for early movement to safety when NEMO advises the public to evacuate. The public is advised to stay alert. Please take action based on your plan, and as advised by the official release from the National Met Service and NEMO.

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