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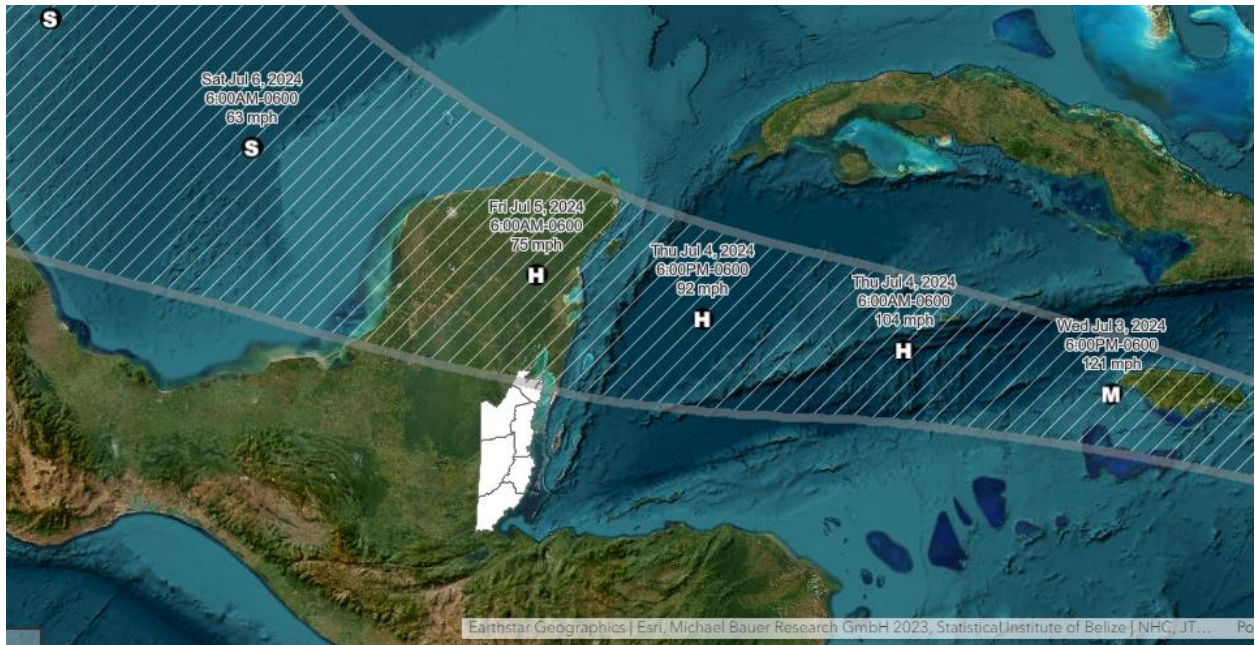
“Preserving Life and Property”

ADVISORY NO. 2

HURRICANE BERYL

As at 12:00 Midday, TUESDAY, 2ND JULY, 2024

The National Meteorological Service of Belize and the National Emergency Management Organization (NEMO) hereby inform the general public that at 12:00 midday Hurricane Beryl was located near latitude 15.6N, longitude 69.9W or about 485 miles East-Southeast of Kingston, Jamaica or just over 1200 miles east by south of Belize City. Beryl was moving to the west-northwest at 22 mph with maximum sustained winds of 155 mph and minimum central pressure of 943 mb. Beryl is to continue on a generally west-northwestward track for the next 24 to 36 hours and pass over just south of Jamaica on Wednesday. It will then move westward to west-northwestward and move into the northwestern Caribbean Sea on Thursday. The system could then make landfall anywhere from northern Belize to the northern tip of the Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico late on Thursday night into early Friday morning. Some gradual weakening is expected and Beryl is expected to make landfall as a category 1 hurricane.



If Beryl moves along the most probable forecast path there is a chance that the impacts of tropical storm force winds are possible for northern parts of Belize. Interests in San Pedro, Caye Caulker, the Corozal and Orange Walk Districts are advised to keep monitoring closely. Additionally, there is a chance that heavy rainfall could affect especially the northern parts of the country starting late on Thursday.

NEMO hereby announces the declaration of the preliminary phase of the National Hurricane Response Plan. This means a system is in the area which may threaten the country within 72 hours. One red flag will be flown at signal centers.

NEMO advises the general public to:

1. Continue to update your family emergency plans and be prepared to put into action. Check your emergency food, water and medical supplies. Check on the elderly and people with disability.
2. Make early preparations to leave high risks areas; voluntarily relocate to safe location if you live in a low-lying area-vulnerable coastal community. Know which shelter you will go to. Secure your home, and your important documents. Secure loose objects and flammable material.
3. Municipalities and the public are advised to trim large trees and clear drains to reduce damages and flooding.
4. Fisherfolk are advised to monitor the ongoing situation and be prepared to secure fishing assets given the state of the seas.
5. The agricultural sector is advised to consider potential flood damage and to hasten harvests in advance of anticipated rainfall.
6. The tourism sector is advised to keep guests and visitors informed.

Residents are advised to continue monitoring this system very closely and to follow official information coming from NEMO and the Met Service. Countrywide, all NEMO district emergency operations center is activated.

NEMO's emergency hotline is 936 (NEMO Offices countrywide contact information is attached, to be read to the public). Stay alert, be prepared. Stay tune for the National Met Service weather bulletins and the NEMO advisories.

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