

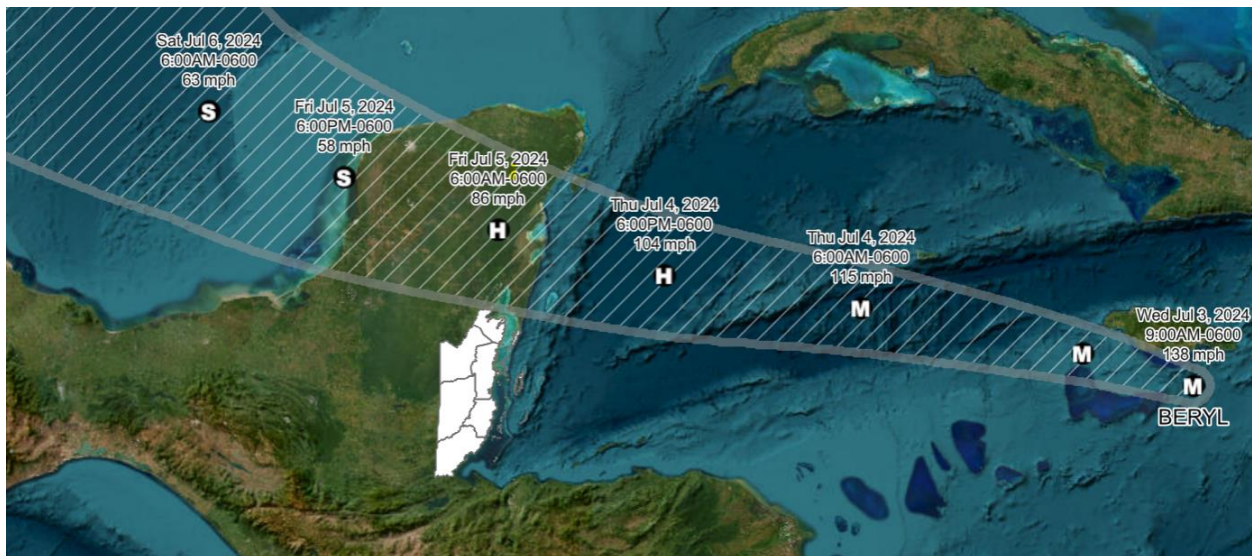
National Emergency Management Organization

“Preserving Life and Property”

ADVISORY NO. 4 HURRICANE BERYL

As at 1:00 PM, WEDNESDAY, 3RD 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 (local time) Hurricane Beryl was located near latitude 17.3N, longitude 76.9W or about 751 miles East of Belize City. Beryl was moving to the west-northwest at 18 mph with maximum sustained winds of 140 mph and a minimum central pressure of 959 mb. Beryl will continue on a general west-northwest track today and turn more toward the west tonight or Thursday. On the forecast track, the center of Beryl will pass near or over Jamaica during the next several hours. The center is then expected to pass near or over the Cayman Islands tonight or early Thursday and move over the Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico late Thursday night or early Friday morning.



This system has the potential to bring heavy rainfall, mainly to the northern parts of the country starting on Thursday and continuing through Friday with total amounts of 4-6 inches and locally higher values. This may result in flooding across low-lying and flood prone areas of the country, especially over the North, as the ground is already saturated. Strong gusty winds will result in very rough sea conditions with large battering waves. A Tropical Storm Watch remains in effect from Belize City to Corozal, including the islands of Ambergris Caye and Caye Caulker. This means that tropical storm conditions are possible in this area by Thursday night into Friday morning.

NEMO advises the general public that:

1. Red 1 Phase has been declared (1 red flag with black dot) as per the National Hurricane Response Plan. This means that a tropical system MAY threaten Belize within 48 hours. Interests in the area under Tropical Storm Watch are to pay keen attention to the trajectory of Hurricane Beryl.
2. Businesses **ONLY in Corozal, Orange Walk, the Belize District, San Pedro and Caye Caulker** are to be closed at 12 noon tomorrow, July 4, 2024.
3. San Pedro Fort Street, Tourism Village and the Port of Belize will be closed tomorrow at 12 noon.
4. The Port of Big Creek and Punta Gorda Port remain open.

5. Tomorrow, July 4, 2024, Government offices will close normal operations at 10am **ONLY in the Corozal, Orange Walk and Belize City Districts, and in San Pedro and Caye Caulker.**
6. San Pedro Belize Express and Caribbean Sprinter Ltd. have suspended their operations.

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 centers remain activated.

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

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