



National Emergency Management Organization

“Preserving Life and Property”

ADVISORY NO. 5

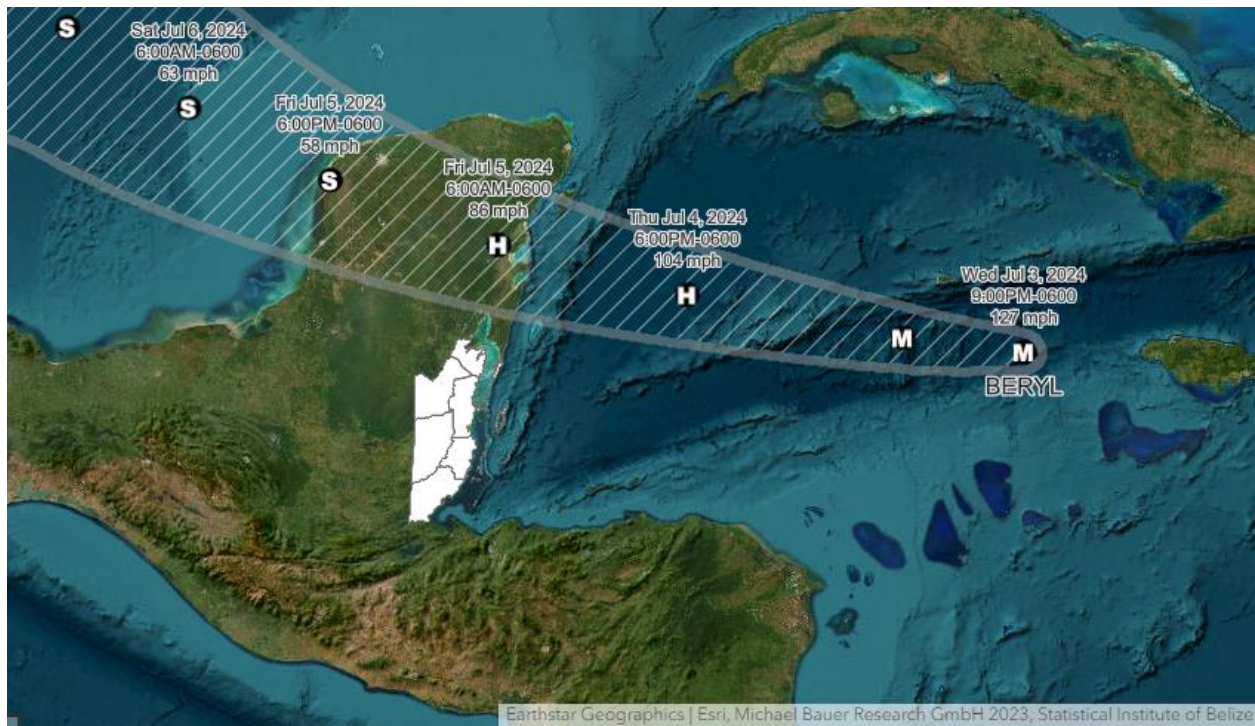
HURRICANE BERYL

As at 3:00 AM Thursday, 4TH JULY 2024

The National Meteorological Service of Belize and the National Emergency Management Organization (NEMO) hereby inform the general public that at 3:00 a.m. (local time) Hurricane Beryl was located near latitude 18.5N, longitude 81.0W or about 485 miles east of Corozal Town. Beryl was moving to the west-northwest at 20 mph with maximum sustained winds of 120 mph. A west to west-northwestward motion is expected today until the hurricane makes landfall on the Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico later tonight into early Friday morning.

Although a direct landfall on Belize is unlikely, this system is likely to produce moderate to heavy rainfall across Belize starting today and continuing through the next 24 to 36 hours as it moves across the Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico. Rainfall totals of 4 to 6 inches are possible with locally higher amounts especially over the northern districts. This may lead to flooding over low-lying and flood prone areas given that soils in the area are already saturated. Gusty winds to tropical storm force are possible in the extreme north of the country as the system makes landfall later tonight into Friday morning. Strong thunderstorms accompanied by gusty winds and squally conditions are also possible in feeder bands over other areas of the country. Sea conditions are expected to become rough with large battering waves especially over the northern offshore areas and operators of small crafts are advised to seek and remain in safe harbour.

A Tropical Storm Watch remains in effect from Belize City to Corozal, including the islands of Ambergris Caye and Caye Caulker.



Based on the latest advisory, the National Emergency Management Organization has made the following updates to directives issued in Advisory #4:

- Businesses in the Belize District are to remain open on Thursday July 4th, 2024.
- Government offices in the Belize District are to remain open on Thursday July 4th, 2024.

NEMO continues to advise the general public to:

1. Put your family/emergency plan into action, check your emergency food, water and medical supplies. Check on the elderly and people with disability. This is particularly important for residents in the Corozal and Orange Walk Districts, and San Pedro and Caye Caulker.
2. Make early preparations to leave high risk areas; voluntarily relocate to safe location if you live in a low-lying area-vulnerable coastal community in the northern districts and the Cayes. Know which shelter you will go to.
3. Shelters have been identified in the Corozal District, Orange Walk District and San Pedro Town. These will open if required.
4. Municipalities and the public are advised to continue to clear drains to reduce flooding.
5. Interests in the agriculture sector are asked to continue preparations. Fisherfolk are also asked to continue securing assets in anticipation of rough sea conditions. Interests in the tourism sector are asked to keep visitors and guests informed of the status of Hurricane Beryl.

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.

Please note, NEMO will not call businesses individually. Our advisories are issued to the entire nation. If you receive a call from someone alleging to be from NEMO, please report this immediately to our hotline at 936.

Stay alert, be prepared. Stay tuned for the National Met Service weather bulletins and the latest NEMO advisories.

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