



2024 June 29th

BRIEF ON TROPICAL STORM BERYL

1. The Trinidad and Tobago Meteorological Service (TTMS) continues to monitor TROPICAL STORM BERYL approaching in a westward direction in the Central Tropical Atlantic. The Tropical Storm is expected to pass between Tobago and Barbados. Showers, gusty winds and thunderstorms associated with a Tropical Storm are expected. Beryl has intensified with winds of approximately 100 km/h and is expected to reach hurricane status in the next 24 to 48 hours, (Sun to Mon).

Tobago is now on a Tropical Storm Watch (Yellow Level) as the storm's trajectory is expected to affect the sister island.

THERE ARE CURRENTLY NO TROPICAL STORM ALERTS, WATCHES OR WARNINGS IN EFFECT FOR TRINIDAD.

2. The TTMS has also indicated a low-level Adverse Weather System (Yellow Level) is currently impacting Trinidad and Tobago today (June 29, 2024 at 11:00am), with an 80% chance of thunderstorm activity accompanied by gusty winds of approximately 35 m/h. **(This is not associated with Tropical Storm Beryl).**
3. The ODPM is currently monitoring and supporting the efforts of the Disaster Management Units (DMU) of the Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government, Tobago Emergency Management Agency (TEMA), other arms of the Ministry of National Security and the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA). ODPM's National Emergency Operations Centre is on standby in the event there is a need to activate in order to manage and co-ordinate Nationally and Regionally.

The ODPM advises and reminds persons to take the following precaution in light of the approaching Tropical Storm.

KNOW & REDUCE YOUR RISKS

1. Do not walk, play or drive through flood waters unless it becomes absolutely necessary.
2. Be cautious when walking / driving along hilly or landslide-prone areas.
3. KNOW YOUR SHELTER LOCATIONS within your respective Regional Corporations.

REVIEW & UPDATE EMERGENCY PLANS

4. Review and update your family or business emergency plans. If you live or work in an area that's prone to flooding, please adequately plan for an evacuation.
5. Identify easily accessible and safe locations to meet in the event that you are separated.
6. Prepare for the specific needs of your family, which can differ if you have pets and persons with special needs.

EFFECTS & CONSEQUENCES

7. Heavy and continuous rains & gusty winds can cause
 - a. Flooding in areas prone to do so.
 - b. Landslides around hilly areas.
 - c. Fisherfolk are advised to properly secure their vessels, and coastal area residents and commercial interest are advised to be prepared for any surges that associated with adverse weather conditions.
8. Road conditions in rainy and windy weather, will require drivers to proceed with caution.

ACT & ASSIST OTHERS

9. **Check with your Regional Corporations for sandbags. They are available.**
10. Prepare for flooding by elevating items well above ground level & unplugging electrical equipment.
11. Living in a flood prone area, ensure that all your important documents are stored in a waterproof bag. Keep sand bags on hand.
12. Secure loose outdoor items and livestock.

STAY ALERT. BE PREPARED. STAY CALM.

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