



National Emergency Management Organization

“Preserving Life and Property”

ADVISORY NO. 8

AREA OF LOW PRESSURE AFFECTING BELIZE
MONDAY 19TH October 2015
7:00 A.M.

NEMO informs the general public that even though the weather is improving in some parts of the country, the main concern is the water that's heading down river which is likely to cause the Mopan and Belize Rivers to flood. Moist and unstable conditions will produce more showers but the country should experience improvement in the weather by Thursday. The forecast is for periods of scattered showers. Everybody is asked to remain vigilant.

SCHOOLS

There will be **no** class for schools in Corozal, Orange Walk and Belize rural along the Old northern highway

HEALTH

All are reminded illegal electrical wiring can be deadly and are strongly discouraged from engaging in such practices. Be very careful of crocodiles and snakes. Children and adults must not wade through flood waters in order to avoid an outbreak of disease. Water must be boiled for at least one minute and cooled before drinking if you are not using bottled water. Or use 8 drops of chlorax or bleach to one gallon of water, stir it well before drinking it. The ministry of Health will be doing larviciding and vector control activities when the water goes down.

TRAVEL

Only San Pedro Belize express resume operations from San Pedro. Buses are running as per schedule.

SHELTERS

- In Belize City 2 Shelters are open ITVET with 80 people and YWCA with 27 people.
- In Orange Walk San Jose Community Center is open with 60 people.
- In Corozal 2 shelters are open Guadalupe R.C with 16 people and Mary Hill with 6 people.
- **In Orange Walk the San Estevan Community Centre is being opened to shelter 48 people**

- In San Pedro 3 persons are being sheltered in hotel.
 - A total of 252 persons in shelter countrywide. All shelterees were fed

ROAD CONDITIONS

Closed:

- The sarteenja -Chunozx road has 6 inches of water on it
- In Gracie Rock water is 2ft above road and is impassable and closed to vehicular traffic.
- Hopkins /Sittee River road

Flooded and Passable:

- Sarteneja road is flooded but passable ONLY to **LARGE** vehicles.
- White Ridge Road leading to Gales Point is flooded but passable to large vehicle
- Maskall road is flooded but passable and in some areas the road is washed out and poorly lit.

RIVER CONDITIONS

- The Belize River is rising and residents of Grace Bank; St. Paul's Bank; Willows Bank; Double Head Cabbage; Bermudian Landing; Isabella Bank; Flowers Bank; May Pen; Burrell Boom, Lord's Bank and Ladyville are asked to observe and make the necessary preparations.
- People living along the Macal and Mopan rivers must remain vigilant as the waters head down-stream will cause flooding.
- In Toledo, Bladden is receding but remains 11feet above normal .
- The public is advised to stay out of flooded waters in order to prevent an outbreak of disease.

DRAINAGE

- Digging of drains must be done only after consultation with the utility companies.
- On going works are:
 - In Corozal in Chula Vista and tomorrow in Libertad
 - In Belize City Antelope Street extension Culvert situation will be
 - In the Belize District in Lucky Strike
 - In Cayo in Paslow Falls, Bullet Tree Falls and Maya Heights areas providing immediate relief to one hundred and one (101) families

LOGISTICS

NEMO deployed emergency prepacked food, water, cleaning supplies and hygiene kit yesterday to CEMO additional supplies being provided this morning.

NEMO Emergency Coordinators can be reached as follows; **Corozal**, Mr. Williard Levy at 623 0237; **Orange Walk**, Ms. Suliema Celiz at 605 5046, **Northern Regional Coordinator**, Mr. Aragon at 636 6094; **Belize District**, Mr. Calbert Budd at 602 8632 and Mr. Kevin Pollard at 621 2275; **San Pedro**, Ms. Timrose Augustine at 600 8672; **Belmopan**, Ms. Clare Moody at 630 9791; **Cayo**, Mr. Al Westby at 630 3224; **Stann Creek**, Mr. Victor Castillo at 630 9780; and **Toledo**, Mr. Kenton Parham at 630 9787. The NEMO Emergency Hotline is 936. The media is requested to get as much as possible details from people requesting assistance such as the exact amount of people needing assistance, their exact location , what exactly is needed etc.

The public is asked to pay close attention the NEMO advisories.

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