

## Weather



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### Americas Tactical (UPDATE): Hurricane Beryl approaches Caribbean, Tropical Storm Chris makes landfall in Mexico, as of July 1; remain cognizant of authorities' updates

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## Current Situation

- The US National Hurricane Center (NHC) has rated Hurricane Beryl a category 4 hurricane bringing life-threatening winds, with storm surges expected to commence across the Windward Islands in the Caribbean on July 1.
  - Beryl was estimated to be located 240 km southeast of Barbados as of overnight hours (local time) on June 30-July 1. The US National Hurricane Center (NHC) has issued a marine warning for the Caribbean, with individual waves likely to be twice the significant wave height, as of July 1.
  - Governments across the Caribbean have issued hurricane warnings including in **Barbados**, **Grenada**, **Saint Lucia**, and **Saint Vincent and the Grenadines**, alongside a tropical storm watch in **Dominica**, parts of the **Dominican Republic**, **Martinique**, and **Haiti**, per July 1

reports, due to Hurricane Beryl.

- The **Trinidad and Tobago** Meteorological Service has issued a red warning, the highest on a four-tier scale, for hurricane conditions on Tobago due to Hurricane Beryl, located approximately 155 km east-northeast of Tobago, on July 1. An orange warning, the second highest on a four-tier scale, has been issued for hurricane conditions affecting Trinidad on July 1. According to reports, non-emergency medical procedures and non-essential healthcare services on Tobago will be postponed, and only emergency situations will be accommodated on July 1. Educational institutions on Trinidad have been closed during the ongoing weather emergency until July 2. Additionally, the Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government has activated multiple emergency shelters nationwide, per June 30 [announcements](#).
  - **Mexico's** Servicio Meteorológico Nacional (SMN) has forecast Hurricane Beryl to reach Quintana Roo with a diminished category 1 intensity on July 5.
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- Meanwhile, as per the US NHC and Mexico's SMN, Tropical Storm Chris made landfall near Lechuguillas, Veracruz, in **Mexico**, during the overnight hours on June 30-July 1.
  - Additionally, in **Mexico**, SMN has forecast Chris to reach the vicinity of Xicotepec de Juarez, Puebla by early morning hours on July 1. Heavy rainfall is expected in Hidalgo, Oaxaca, Puebla, Queretaro, San Luis Potosi, Tamaulipas, and Veracruz, as well as strong rains in Campeche, Chiapas, Nuevo Leon and Tabasco and the Yucatan Peninsula on July 1. Strong winds can be expected across parts of Tabasco, Tamaulipas, and Veracruz on July 1. Per June 30 reports, multiple motorways across northern Veracruz have been impacted due to weather-related damage, including flooding and landslides. Authorities have suspended classes at educational institutions across 27 municipalities in Veracruz on July 1.

## Recommendations

1. Those operating or residing in the aforementioned areas of the Caribbean region and Mexico on July 1 and over the coming days are advised to remain cognizant of authorities' updates and avoid non-essential travel in the aforementioned locations due to inclement weather conditions.
2. Allot for delays and disruptions to travel due to debris and road damage amid the adverse weather.
3. Allot for disruptions to services due to possible power outages.
4. Take mitigatory measures, such as confirming that business locations have working generators, sufficient access to fuel for longer periods, and access to flashlights.