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Americas Tactical (UPDATE): Hurricane Rafael prompts airport closures in Cuba, warnings in USA as of November 6; remain cognizant of authorities' updates

Current Situation

- According to the US National Hurricane Center (NHC), Tropical Storm Rafael strengthened to a Category 1 Hurricane on November 5. The hurricane is currently located 105 kilometers (60 miles) east-northeast away from Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands and 370 kilometers (230 miles) south-southeast from Havana, Cuba. Hurricane Rafael is currently moving northwest with sustained winds of 140 kmph (85 mph).
- Authorities in **Cuba** have announced the closure of Aeropuerto Internacional Jose Marti (HAV) in Havana, Aeropuerto Juan Gualberto Gomez (VRA) in Varadero, Aeropuerto Internacional Vilo Acuna (CYO) in Cayo Largo del Sur, and Aeropuerto Rafael Cabrera Mustelier (GER) in Nueva Gerona. The closures are slated from 00:01 (local time) on November 5 and 12:00 on November 7.
- Furthermore in Havana, public passenger transportation services remain suspended as of November 6. Maritime passenger transportation in Havana Bay also remains suspended.

- In the **USA**, authorities have issued a Tropical Storm Warning for areas of the Florida Keys in southern Florida. The warning forecast tropical storm winds from the morning hours of November 6 to the morning hours of November 7. Further details regarding the areas covered under the warnings can be found [here](#).

Source: [National Hurricane Center](#)

Recommendations

1. Those operating or residing in the aforementioned countries on November 6-7 and over the coming days are advised to remain cognizant of authorities' updates regarding the trajectory of the storm and storm-related risks.
2. Take mitigatory measures, such as confirming that business locations have working generators, sufficient access to fuel for longer periods, and access to several flashlights.
3. Allot for potential disruptions to flight, traffic, and public utilities, while reconfirming all travel itineraries.
4. Allot for disruptions to services due to possible power outages. Use alternative power sources and charge external batteries to ensure adequate power supply for the outage.