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Americas Tactical: Tropical Storm Sara expected to prompt heavy rainfall, flash floods, mudslides, strong winds in multiple countries through November 17; remain cognizant of authorities' updates

Current Situation

- According to the National Hurricane Center (NHC), Tropical Storm (TS) Sara is currently located 135 kilometers east-southeast of La Guanaja in Honduras. TS Sara has maximum sustained winds of 75 kmph and is moving westward just inland along the northeastern coast of Honduras at approximately 17 kmph. TS Sara is expected to approach Belize and Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula between November 16-17.
- Additionally, the NHC has issued tropical storm warnings for the northern coast of Honduras from Punta Sal eastward to the Honduras-Nicaragua Border and the Bay Islands of Honduras through November 17.
- The NHC has forecasted heavy rainfall, mudslides, and strong winds in northern parts of **Honduras, Belize, El Salvador, eastern Guatemala, Quintana Roo in Mexico, and western Nicaragua** through at least November 17. NHC has also forecasted catastrophic flash floods for northern Honduras with 10-20 inches of rainfall and life-threatening flash floods for the rest of the

aforementioned countries through November 17 due to 5-10 inches of rainfall.

- The NHC has also stated that there is a 90 percent probability for the storm to transition into a tropical cyclone over the coming days.

Source: [US National Hurricane Center \(NHC\)](#)

- In **Honduras**, Compania Permanente de Contingencias (COPECO) has also issued red alerts, the highest on a three-tier scale, for Islas de la Bahia, Atlantida, Colon, and Gracias a Dios for 72 hours due to TS Sara and have urged residents to evacuate.
- In addition, operations at Aeropuerto De Roatan Juan Manuel Galvez (RTB) in Islas de la Bahia and Aeropuerto Internacional Goloson (LCE) in La Ceiba remain suspended due to TS Sara as of November 15.

Source: [Compania Permanente de Contingencias \(COPECO\)](#)

Recommendations

1. Those operating or residing in the aforementioned countries through November 17 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.