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Belize Issues Hurricane Watch Declaration

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Effective midday, today, 31st October 2022, the Prime Minister of Belize, in his capacity as the Chairman of the National Emergency Management Organization (NEMO), hereby declares a hurricane watch (RED – 1) for the entire coast of Belize. This means that a tropical cyclone threatens the country of Belize and it is likely to make landfall within 36 to 48 hours. One red flag with a black center is to be flown at all signal centers throughout the country.

The public is advised to put their individual emergency disaster plans into effect, including preparations to voluntarily relocate to safe shelter if necessary. Public and private essential agencies, utility companies and non-essential agencies must immediately implement plans of action, including closure of schools, securing of workstations, the release of workers and the securing of ports of entry. All businesses should implement their disaster plans. NEMO must be prepared to open adequate shelters wherever necessary and to conduct Search and Rescue operations where lives are at risk.

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