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Minister Usher Meets with NEMO Staff to Review National Hurricane Season Preparedness

Belmopan, May 11, 2026.

Hon. Henry Charles Usher, Minister of the Public Service and Disaster Risk Management, today visited the National Emergency Management Organization (NEMO) headquarters in Belmopan, where he met with the National Emergency Coordinator, Mr. Daniel Mendez, and members of NEMO's technical staff to discuss the organization's state of readiness ahead of the 2026 Atlantic Hurricane Season.

During the meeting, NEMO officials provided the Minister with an overview of the organization's ongoing preparedness activities, response planning, and operational priorities as Belize approaches the start of the hurricane season on June 1. Discussions focused on strengthening coordination mechanisms, reviewing emergency response procedures, and ensuring that the necessary systems and resources are in place to respond effectively in the event of a tropical storm or hurricane impact.

The Minister was also briefed on the work currently being carried out across the country to enhance national preparedness and resilience. Over the coming weeks, NEMO will continue the review and updating of the national hurricane shelter list in collaboration with local authorities and partner agencies. The Shelter Repair Committee is also expected to convene to assess the condition of designated shelters and identify any repairs or upgrades required prior to the peak of the hurricane season. In addition, assessments of available emergency resources, equipment, and supplies will be conducted to ensure operational readiness at both the national and district levels.

Minister Usher emphasized the importance of preparedness, coordination, and public awareness in reducing the impact of natural hazards on communities across Belize. He commended the NEMO team for its dedication and reaffirmed the Government's commitment to supporting disaster risk management initiatives and strengthening the country's ability to respond to emergencies.

The Ministry of the Public Service and Disaster Risk Management and NEMO continue to encourage the public to remain informed, review family emergency plans, and begin making the necessary preparations for the 2026 Atlantic Hurricane Season.

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