



**SITUATION**

- TC EARL formed over the Caribbean Sea, south of Jamaica, on 2 August. It then started moving west, intensifying. On 4 August early morning (UTC), it made landfall near Belize city as a Hurricane Category 1. On 4 August at 9.00 UTC its centre was located approx. 75 km west-southwest of Belize city (Belize) and it had max. sustained wind speed of 120 km/h (Hurricane Category 1).
- Over the next 24 h it is forecast to move west-northwest overland, weakening. Heavy rain and strong winds are expected to effect the areas along its path.
- As of 4 August early afternoon (UTC), a Hurricane Warning is in effect for southern Puerto Cosa Maya (Mexico), Belize and northern Guatemala, as well as a Tropical Storm Warning from northern Puerto Costa Maya to Punta Allen (Mexico).
- Heavy rain has already been affecting northern Honduras causing damage. Local media of Honduras, as of 4 August, report one person injured in San Pedro Sula (Cortes department), over 54 evacuated in the departments of Colon and Bay islands and several homes damaged in the municipality of Omoa (Cortes department). Media also reported several flights cancelled from Bay Islands (Honduras) and Belize. National authorities, as of the same date, have also ordered the evacuation of people from Belize city.

**Sources:** ECHO, GDACS, NOAA, COPECO, NEMO, National Meteorological Service of Belize, Local Media

**LAST 7 DAYS ACC. RAINFALL (NASA)**

