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***** HURRICANE WARNING DISCONTINUED *****

FLASH FLOOD WATCH NOW IN EFFECT FOR THE ISLAND

As Hurricane Beryl begins to move away from Jamaica, **the Hurricane Warning has been discontinued** for the island. Continuing periods of heavy rainfall could, however, result in flash flooding over low-lying and flood-prone areas of the island; therefore, **a Flash Flood Watch is now in effect until 5:00 a.m. tomorrow.**

At 10:00 p.m. the centre of Hurricane Beryl was located near latitude 18.0 degrees North, longitude 79.2 degrees West. This is about 100 km (65 miles) south-southwest of Negril Point, Jamaica.

Beryl is now moving toward the west-northwest near 33 km/h (21 mph). A westward to west-northwestward motion is expected during the next day or two, taking the core of the hurricane away from Jamaica and just south of the Cayman Islands overnight.

Maximum sustained winds continue to gradually decrease and are now near 215 km/h (130 mph), with higher gusts; hence Beryl remains a Category 4 hurricane on the Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale. Further weakening is forecast during the next day or two, however, Beryl is forecast to be at or near major hurricane intensity while it passes the Cayman Islands.

Hurricane-force winds extend outward up to 75 km (45 miles) from the centre and tropical-storm-force winds extend outward up to 295 km (185 miles).

With Jamaica now being outside of the range of hurricane force winds from Hurricane Beryl, and with storm surge no longer posing a threat to coastal areas of the island, the Hurricane Warning is being discontinued with immediate effect.

Rainfall associated with Beryl will, however, continue to affect sections of the island, increasing the chance of flash flooding. These could be accompanied by strong, gusty winds as the eye of the hurricane moves away from the west coast of the island. Rising water levels will continue to affect coastal areas of southwestern parishes while Beryl remains in the vicinity of the island, and all small craft operators are urged to remain in port until sea conditions return to normal.

This is the final Bulletin that will be issued by the Meteorological Service on Hurricane Beryl. Information concerning the progress of this and other severe weather systems will be communicated through News Releases and other instruments.

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