Tropical Storm Gonzalo: Information Note #2 Thursday 23rd July, 2020 @11:00 a.m.



Source: Caribbean Online Weather, 2020 [https://rb.gy/dixtf6]

MESSAGE:

Tropical Storm Gonzalo is expected to begin affecting portions of the Winward Islands on Saturday 25th July, 2020.

PRESENT LOCATION:

About 885 miles or 1425 km E of the Southern Winward Islands.

AREA(S) OF INTEREST (AOI):

WindwardIslands, Barbados, Trinidad & Tobago and the ABC Islands (Aruba, Bonaire & Curacao)

ISLANDS WITHIN THE CONE:

StLucia, StVincent & the Grenadines, Barbados, Trinidad & Tobago, Grenada and the ABC Islands (Aruba, Bonaire & Curacao)

WATCHES AND WARNINGS: Hurricane watch for Barbados and St. Vincent & the Grenadines

SITUATION:

According to the National Hurricane Centre (NHC), Miami, Florida at 11:00 a.m. AST, the centre of Tropical Storm Gonzalo was located near latitude 9.6 North, longitude 48.3 West. Gonzalo is moving toward the west near 14 mph (22 km/h). A westward to west-northwestward motion with an increase in forward speed is expected through the weekend. On the forecast track, the center of Gonzalo will approach the southern Windward Islands Friday night and move across the islands Saturday and Saturday evening.

Maximum sustained winds have increased to near 65 mph (100 km/h) with higher gusts. Some strengthening is predicted and Gonzalo could become a hurricane tonight or on Friday. Gonzalo is a small storm, and tropical-storm-force winds extend outward only up to 35 miles (55 km) from the center. The estimated minimum central pressure is 997 mb (29.44 inches).

Source: National Hurricane Centre (NHC), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) 2020 [https://rb.gy/mgjqqh]