

**Information for Travelers and Residents**  
**Warden Message**  
**U.S. Embassy Belmopan, Belize**

**September 23, 2010**

**Tropical Storm Matthew**

As the National Emergency Management Organization (NEMO) of Belize moves toward declaring the preliminary phase of Tropical Storm Matthew, this warden message is being issued to alert Americans to the potential dangers posed by Tropical Storm Matthew.

At 12:00pm newly formed Tropical Storm Matthew was centered near 13.9N latitude, 76.2W longitude or about 485mls east of Puerto Cabezas Nicaragua, moving west at 15mph with maximum sustained winds of 35mph.

This disturbance has the potential to produce heavy rainfall over portions of Central America during the next couple of days.

The public has been advised to listen to local radio and television stations for official updates on the progress of Tropical Depression 15.

For continued updates on flood developments, residents and travelers are advised to monitor [www.nemo.org.bz](http://www.nemo.org.bz). Additional media reports may be found at Channel 5 News Belize (<http://www.channel5belize.com/>), Channel 7 News Belize (<http://www.7newsbelize.com/>), and the Belize Tourism Industry Association, <http://btia.org/>.

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For emergencies involving American citizens in Belize, please contact the U.S. Embassy Belmopan. The U.S. Embassy is located in Belmopan City on Floral Park Road, telephone from the United States: 011-501-822-4011; telephone from within Belize: 822-4011 or after working hours at either 610-5030 or 610-5096. You may also contact the Embassy by e-mail at: [ACSbelize@state.gov](mailto:ACSbelize@state.gov). The Embassy's Internet address is <http://www.belize.usembassy.gov/>.