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A FLASH-FLOOD WATCH IS IN EFFECT FOR BARBADOS

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A tropical wave is approaching the island and is expected to generate light to moderate showers this afternoon, 22nd July, 2025. Increased cloudiness and moderate to heavy showers could result in possible flash flooding tonight; therefore, the BMS has issued a FLASH-FLOOD Watch.

****** Hazard Info ******

Possible Impacts

There is a medium possibility of significant flooding, which may result in water settlements on roads and fields which could lead to commuting delays and possible isolated diversions. Additionally, increases in water levels of existing water bodies (e.g ponds etc.) and marginally invasive excess water on roads, fields and storm drains is likely. Residents and visitors should also be aware that this watch could be upgraded to a warning at a moment's notice.

What you should do

-The public should follow recommendations from the department of emergency management. Persons are also encouraged to monitor the BMS, DEM and GIS websites and their respective social media pages along with the local media networks for further updates.

Discussion

Occasional cloudiness and light to moderate showers are expected this afternoon, as a tropical wave approaches the island. The axis of the wave will move across the island tonight and rainfall accumulation between 1 and 2 inches in moderate to heavy showers are likely. Additionally, wet conditions are expected for much of this week.

General Information

A flash-flood watch is issued when heavy or excessive rainfall in a short period of time (generally less than 6 hours) could result in flash flooding within the watch area. It does not mean that flooding will occur, but it is possible. This Flash Flood Watch was issued at 12.30 pm Tuesday, 22nd July, 2025 and will be updated at 6 am on Wednesday, 23rd July, 2025 or sooner if conditions warrant.

For more information specific to your area, please visit

<https://www.barbadosweather.org/marineBarResp.php>, our social media pages or call our hotline at 976-2376 or the office at 535-0022.

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