## Tropical Storm Ian advances through the Caribbean, threatening Jamaica, the Cayman Islands and Cuba



?Tropical Storm Ian with danger for Cuba, Jamaica, and the Cayman Islands.

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Havana, Sept 24 (RHC)-- The Institute of Meteorology reported on Saturday that Tropical Storm lan slightly gained in organization and intensity. It is heading west in the central Caribbean Sea at 22 kilometers per hour, with the potential to affect Jamaica, the Cayman Islands, and Cuba.

lan now has maximum sustained winds of 75 kilometers per hour, with higher gusts, a central pressure that has dropped to 1003 hectoPascal, and is moving at 22 kilometers per hour, heading west.

At 6:00 a.m. its central region was located at 14.7° N and 73.7° W, a position that places it in eastern Caribbean waters about 485 kilometers southeast of Kingston, Jamaica, and about 950 kilometers southeast of Grand Cayman.

Over the next 12 to 24 hours, the tropical storm will continue on a similar track and speed, angling west-northwest and northwest on Sunday, gaining more organization and intensity, with the possibility of reaching hurricane status late Sunday or overnight.

The Forecast Center of the Institute of Meteorology keeps a close watch on the evolution of this tropical cyclonic organism, due to the potential danger it represents for the western half of Cuba, given its position and forecast trajectory.

The next tropical cyclone warning for this system will be issued at noon today, Saturday (Source: National Forecast Center).

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