

Honduras extends alert for cold front and flooding in six departments



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Tegucigalpa, December 27 (RHC)-- The Secretariat of State in the Offices of Risk Management and National Contingencies (Copeco) of Honduras extended the preventive green alert for an additional 72 hours in six departments, due to the effects of a cold front that has caused flooding in the Caribbean Sea coast.

According to the entity, the state of alert will cover the departments of Cortés, Atlántida, Islas de la Bahía, Colón, Santa Bárbara and Yoro.

"A mass of cold air continues over the national territory, additionally with the formation of a trough on the surface, producing fresh winds from the North, increasing cloudiness, and decreasing temperatures.

Also, the weather service indicated that the highest rainfall would be recorded in the Sierra de Omoa, where accumulated rainfall could reach 80 millimeters on this day, and up to 150 between December 27th and 28th.

"While in the mountains near the coast of the department of Atlántida the accumulated rains would be between 80 to 120 millimeters daily between today and tomorrow, and in Colón between 70 to 90 millimeters", the report noted. On the other hand, for the rest of the Honduran regions, isolated rains and light drizzle are forecast, while in the south of the Central American country, dry weather will prevail.

Copeco also warns that the swell in the Gulf of Fonseca may reach two and four feet, while in the rest of the coast could be between four and eight on December 26th and 28th.

In this regard, sailors are urged to take precautionary measures during their work on the high seas, and families traveling to the interior of the country for Christmas celebrations are warned to be careful.

The rains associated with the cold front have caused flooding in numerous Honduran neighborhoods, and local fire departments are keeping a watchful eye on the danger of rising levels in rivers and streams.

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