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NEWS ITEM

NEWS ITEM ON **TROPICAL STORM BERTHA**, ISSUED BY THE BAHAMAS DEPARTMENT OF METEOROLOGY FORECAST OFFICE AT 12PM EDT, TUESDAY 21ST JULY 2026.

***...AIR FORCE HURRICANE HUNTERS FIND BERTHA HAS STRENGTHENED...
...TROPICAL STORM WATCHES AND WARNINGS REMAIN IN EFFECT FOR
PORTIONS OF THE NORTHERN GULF COAST...***

AT 11 AM EDT (1500 UTC), THE CENTER OF TROPICAL STORM BERTHA WAS LOCATED NEAR LATITUDE 29.3 NORTH AND LONGITUDE 86.3 WEST.

BERTHA IS MOVING TOWARD THE NORTH-NORTHWEST NEAR 3 MPH (6 KM/H), BUT IS EXPECTED TO TURN TOWARD THE WEST-NORTHWEST AND WEST LATER TODAY AND TONIGHT. A CONTINUED WESTWARD MOTION IS FORECAST THROUGH THE MIDDLE OF THE WEEK. ON THE FORECAST TRACK, BERTHA WILL MOVE NEAR OR ALONG THE NORTHERN GULF COAST DURING THE NEXT SEVERAL DAYS.

MAXIMUM SUSTAINED WINDS HAVE INCREASED TO NEAR 60 MPH (95 KM/H) WITH HIGHER GUSTS. LITTLE CHANGE IN STRENGTH IS EXPECTED TODAY, FOLLOWED BY GRADUAL WEAKENING THROUGH THE MIDDLE OF THIS WEEK.

THIS SYSTEM POSES NO THREAT TO THE BAHAMAS.

THE NEXT NEWS ITEM ON BERTHA WILL BE ISSUED **AT 6PM.**

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