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NEWS ITEM

NEWS ITEM ON **TROPICAL STORM BERTHA**, ISSUED BY THE BAHAMAS DEPARTMENT OF METEOROLOGY FORECAST OFFICE AT 6PM EDT, TUESDAY 21ST JULY 2026.

...TROPICAL STORM CONDITIONS SPREADING WESTWARD ALONG COASTAL PORTIONS OF THE FLORIDA PANHANDLE...

...TROPICAL STORM WATCHES AND WARNINGS EXTENDED WESTWARD ALONG THE LOUISIANA COAST...

AT 5PM EDT (2100 UTC), THE CENTER OF **TROPICAL STORM BERTHA** WAS LOCATED NEAR LATITUDE 29.4 NORTH AND LONGITUDE 87.2 WEST.

BERTHA IS MOVING TOWARD THE NORTHWEST NEAR 6 MPH (9 KM/H), A TURN TOWARD THE WEST-NORTHWEST AND WEST IS EXPECTED TONIGHT, WITH A CONTINUED WESTWARD MOTION FORECAST WEDNESDAY THROUGH FRIDAY. ON THE FORECAST TRACK, BERTHA WILL MOVE NEAR OR ALONG THE NORTHERN GULF COAST DURING THE NEXT COUPLE OF DAYS OR SO.

MAXIMUM SUSTAINED WINDS HAVE INCREASED TO NEAR 60 MPH (95 KM/H) WITH HIGHER GUSTS. LITTLE CHANGE IN STRENGTH IS EXPECTED TONIGHT, AND GRADUAL WEAKENING IS FORECAST WEDNESDAY THROUGH FRIDAY.

THIS SYSTEM POSES NO THREAT TO THE BAHAMAS.

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

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