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OFFICIAL STATEMENT #6

TROPICAL DEPRESSION #13 APPROACHING THE NORTHERN LEEWARD ISLANDS

At 5a.m. today Tropical Depression Thirteen was located near 17.8N 58.5W or 490 KM east of the Northern Leeward Islands. The system is moving toward the West-Northwest at 33 km/h and this general motion is expected to maintain for the next few days.

There has been little change in the organization of Tropical Depression Thirteen during the past several hours as it is encountering some unfavourable conditions for development. Current analyses suggest that on its projected track, the centre of the system is forecast to move near to the northern Leeward Islands by this evening. Maximum sustained winds are near 55 km/h with higher gusts. Gradual strengthening of the system can be expected as it may develop into a Tropical Storm by tomorrow.

As of 5a.m. today, a Tropical Storm Watch is in effect for:

- The southeastern Bahamas and the Turks and Caicos Islands
- Puerto Rico, Vieques and Culebra
- U.S. Virgin Islands
- British Virgin Islands
- Saba and St. Eustatius
- St. Maarten
- St. Martin and St. Barthelemy
- Antigua, Barbuda, St. Kitts, Nevis, and Anguilla

At this time, the system poses no direct threat to Trinidad and Tobago or Grenada and its dependencies (see forecast track, next page).

The TTMS will continue to closely monitor this system and will issue an update at 12:00 noon today or earlier if the situation warrants. As always, pay close attention to information being issued by the TTMS by visiting www.metoffice.gov.tt, downloading our mobile app (search: TT Met Office) and following us on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.

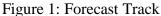


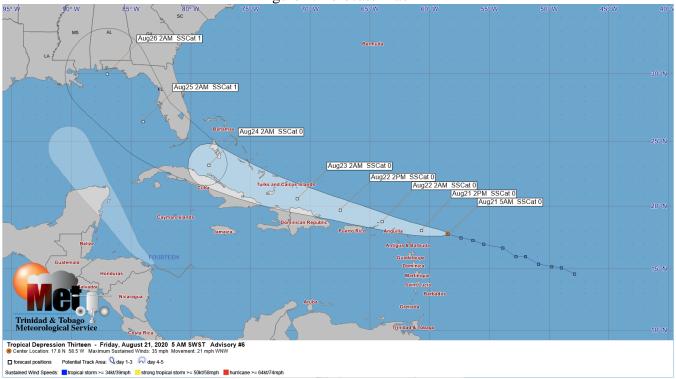
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