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SITUATION

 Hurricane PATRICIA is moving towards the coast of Jalisco state (Mexico), as the strongest eastern Pacific hurricane on record, with max sustained winds 325 km/h (Category 5 Hurricane). On 23 October, at 12.00 UTC its center was located approx. 235 km south-west of Manzanillo with max. sustained winds of 325 km/h.

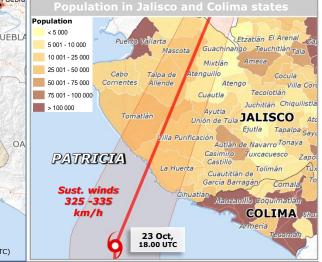
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- PATRICIA is forecast to reach the coast of the state of Jalisco (pop. 7.3 million) on 23 October evening (UTC), as a Category 5 Hurricane with max. sustained winds of 325-335 km/h (with higher gusts). After the landfall it is forecast to move north-east over Nayarit, Aguascalientes and Zacatecas states, weakening.
- Very Strong winds and storm surge may affect the states of Jalisco, Colima, Nayarit and Michoacan on 23-24 October. PATRICIA is also expected to produce heavy rains (tot rainfall accumulation of 200-300 mm, locally up to 500) in these states, as well as in Guerrero, with the risk of flash-floods and landslides.
- As of 23 October 12.00 UTC, a Hurricane Warning is in effect from San Blas to Punta San Telmo, a Hurricane Watch and a Tropical Storm Warning from Punta San Telmo to Lazaro Cardenas.
- In Jalisco, civil protection authorities have urged people to take refuge in the temporary shelters that have been made available. Evacuations have been reported also in Colima. Media report that shelters with the capacity to accommodate a total of 295 000 people have opened throughout the concerned states.

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