



### SITUATION

- Tropical Storm **ERIKA** moved through Lesser Antilles on **27 August**, causing **heavy rainfall**. **Dominica** was especially affected by floods and landslides. As of 28 August, there were **five dead**, 21 missing and several homes destroyed. Afterwards it started moving over the Caribbean Sea towards the **Dominican Republic**, as a Tropical Storm. On 28 August afternoon (UTC), it is approaching the south-eastern coast. At 12.00 UTC its center was located approx. 50 km south-east of Saona Island and it had max. sustained winds of 85 km/h.
- ERIKA's** center is forecast to reach Saona Island (**Dominican Republic**) in the afternoon of 28 August, as a **Tropical Storm**, with max. sustained winds of **75-85 km/h** (gusts: 100-110 km/h). Afterwards it will move over Dominican Republic and the northern tip of **Haiti** on 28 August afternoon / 29 August early morning and near the **Turks and Caicos Islands** and south-eastern **Bahamas** on 29 August. It may then reach southern Florida (USA) on 31 August.
- Over the next 48 h **heavy rains** (100-200 mm, locally up to 300 mm), **strong winds** (Tropical Storm force) and **storm surge** may affect the **Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Turks and Caicos islands** and south-eastern **Bahamas**. Heavy rains may cause life-threatening **flash floods** and **landslides** in parts of these areas. As of 28 August (NOAA), **Tropical Storm Warnings and Watches** are in effect (see table).
- Only a few days ago Tropical Depression **DANNY** affected some areas of Lesser Antilles with heavy rains and winds (see ECHO Daily Map of 26 Aug).

Sources: GDACS, ECHO, NOAA, ONAMET, CDEMA, Media

