

Heavy Rains Continue to Pelt the Island

The Meteorological Service has continued the Flash Flood Warning for low-lying and flood-prone areas of St. Mary, Portland, St Thomas, Kingston and St Andrew, St Catherine, Clarendon, Manchester until 5:00 p.m. today.

The Met Service also stated that a Flash Flood Watch is still in effect for western parishes until 5:00 p.m. today, as heavy rains continue to pelt areas across the island. A flash flood warning means flooding has been reported or will occur shortly. Motorists and pedestrians should not attempt to cross flooded roadways or other low-lying areas as strong currents are likely. Residents in low-lying areas should be on the alert for rising waters and be ready to move quickly to higher ground. Satellite imagery and Radar reports indicate that light to moderate and at times, heavy showers and thunderstorm affected most parishes last night into early this morning. The Area of Low Pressure has moved over the western Caribbean to the south south-west of Grand Cayman but the unstable conditions are expected to persist over Jamaica. Therefore, outbreaks of showers and thunderstorm are expected to continue, especially across northern parishes today. Fishers and other marine interests are advised to exercise extreme caution, as strong winds and rough sea conditions are expected in the vicinity of showers and thunderstorms. The Area of Low Pressure currently has a medium chance of developing into a tropical cyclone during the next 48 hours, and the Meteorological Service will continue to monitor the progress of this system.