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Fiona is now heading north and expected to slam into Canada's eastern coast over the weekend as a large and powerful post-tropical cyclone with hurricane-force winds.

Meanwhile, most of Puerto Rico remains without power and clean drinking water five days after Fiona overwhelmed the island's fragile electrical grid. U.S. President Biden on Wednesday declared a major disaster in Puerto Rico.

And, to make matters worse, a sweltering heat wave pushed heat indexes in some parts of the island above 110 degrees Fahrenheit on Thursday.

So far, Hurricane Fiona has caused at least five deaths: two in Puerto Rico, two in the Dominican Republic and one in the archipelago of Guadeloupe.

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