

Center of Bonnie makes landfall between Nicaragua and Costa Rica

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Bonnie is causing severe rains on the border between Nicaragua and Costa Rica, warned Nicaraguan expert Marcio Baca. | Photo: EFE/ NOAA-NHC

Managua, July 2 (RHC)-- The center of tropical storm Bonnie made landfall Friday night at a point on the border between Nicaragua and Costa Rica, in the Atlantic sector, meteorological authorities of both nations reported.

The Costa Rican National Meteorological Institute (IMN) indicated that Bonnie is moving at 26 kilometers per hour with maximum sustained winds of 85 kilometers per hour near its center.

Roberto Vindas, from the IMN, mentioned that the natural phenomenon would leave the Pacific Ocean at about 06:00 local time this Saturday (12:00 GMT).

In Nicaragua, the director of Meteorology of the Nicaraguan Institute of Territorial Studies (Ineter), Marcio Baca, said that based on reports from the National Hurricane Center (CNH) of the United States, the center of the storm entered around 21:00 hours Friday (03:00 GMT Saturday) south of the mouth of the San Juan River, in the town of San Juan de Nicaragua.

"The trajectory indicates that it will enter Costa Rican territory near the eastern sector of the municipality of El Castillo, there it will continue to move throughout the night until it exits into the Pacific Ocean, possibly in a sector that is about 20 kilometers south of the border of Nicaragua with Costa Rica on Costa Rican territory," he said.

Bonnie is causing rains on the border between Nicaragua and Costa Rica, the expert added.

He commented that they will monitor the phenomenon because the model indicates that once in Pacific waters will be making a turn to the north and will move almost parallel to the Central American coasts, generating severe rainfall.

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