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## **PUBLIC ADVISORY**

### **August 10, 2010 – 11:00 a.m**

#### ***Possibility of Riverine Flooding***

Yesterday, Monday August 09, the Inter Tropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ) produced heavy showers, thundershowers and gusty winds in many areas across Trinidad. These showers caused flash flooding and high water levels in some of the rivers in Trinidad. Today, the Trinidad and Tobago Meteorological Service forecasts more showers and isolated thundershowers. Consequently, there is a serious possibility of riverine flooding (i.e. over spilling of rivers) in rivers with already high water levels.

In this vein, the Office of Disaster Preparedness and Management advises the following:-

- Stay calm but remain vigilant and cautious at this time
- Secure valuables and ensure all important documents are in waterproof containers or bags
- Park vehicles in places that will not become easily inundated
- Elevate all appliances and other valuable items
- Turn off all utilities such as electricity, gas and water at the main switches. Do not touch electrical equipment
- Secure all pets and livestock
- Do not walk / drive through flood waters unless absolutely necessary
- Be aware of possible landslides.

The ODPM, as the coordinator and manager of emergencies remains in communication with the first responder agencies (TT Fire Service, Defence Force and the municipal corporations) to render continued assistance as required. The National Emergency Operations Centre of the ODPM remains activated to coordinate immediate relief and assistance.

**Please note that Trinidad and Tobago is NOT under any Tropical Storm threat, Watch or Warning.**

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