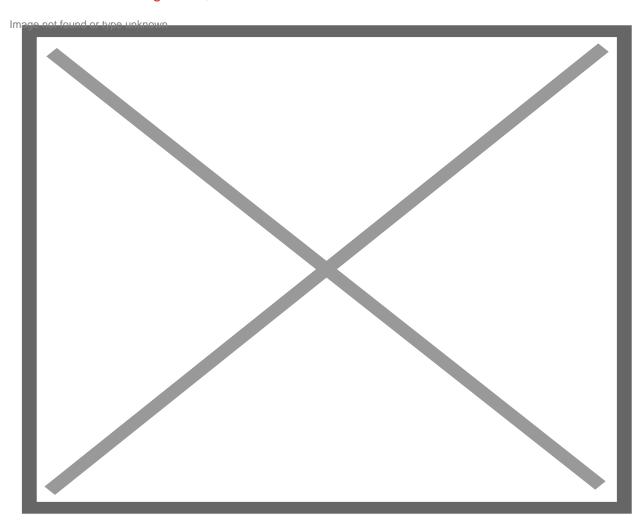
Caribbean Authorities Monitor Weather System Near Cabo Verde Likely to Become Tropical Depression

Authorities are tracking a low-pressure system off Cabo Verde expected to become a tropical depression within a day as it moves west. Forecast models take it just north of the northeastern Caribbean, prompting calls for residents to monitor its progress.

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Authorities in the Caribbean are monitoring an area of low pressure that seems highly likely to develop into a tropical depression or storm later this week.

AL 97, currently off the coast of the Cabo Verde Islands, is poised to become a tropical depression "within the next day or so while it moves generally westward," according to Monday's 2 a.m update from the National Hurricane Center.

The chance of further development into a tropical storm remains a possibility, as "environmental conditions appear conducive for later development."

The current projected track for AL 97 takes it just northward of the Caribbean archipelago's northeastern edge. Residents in the area should therefore be monitoring its progress across the Atlantic.

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