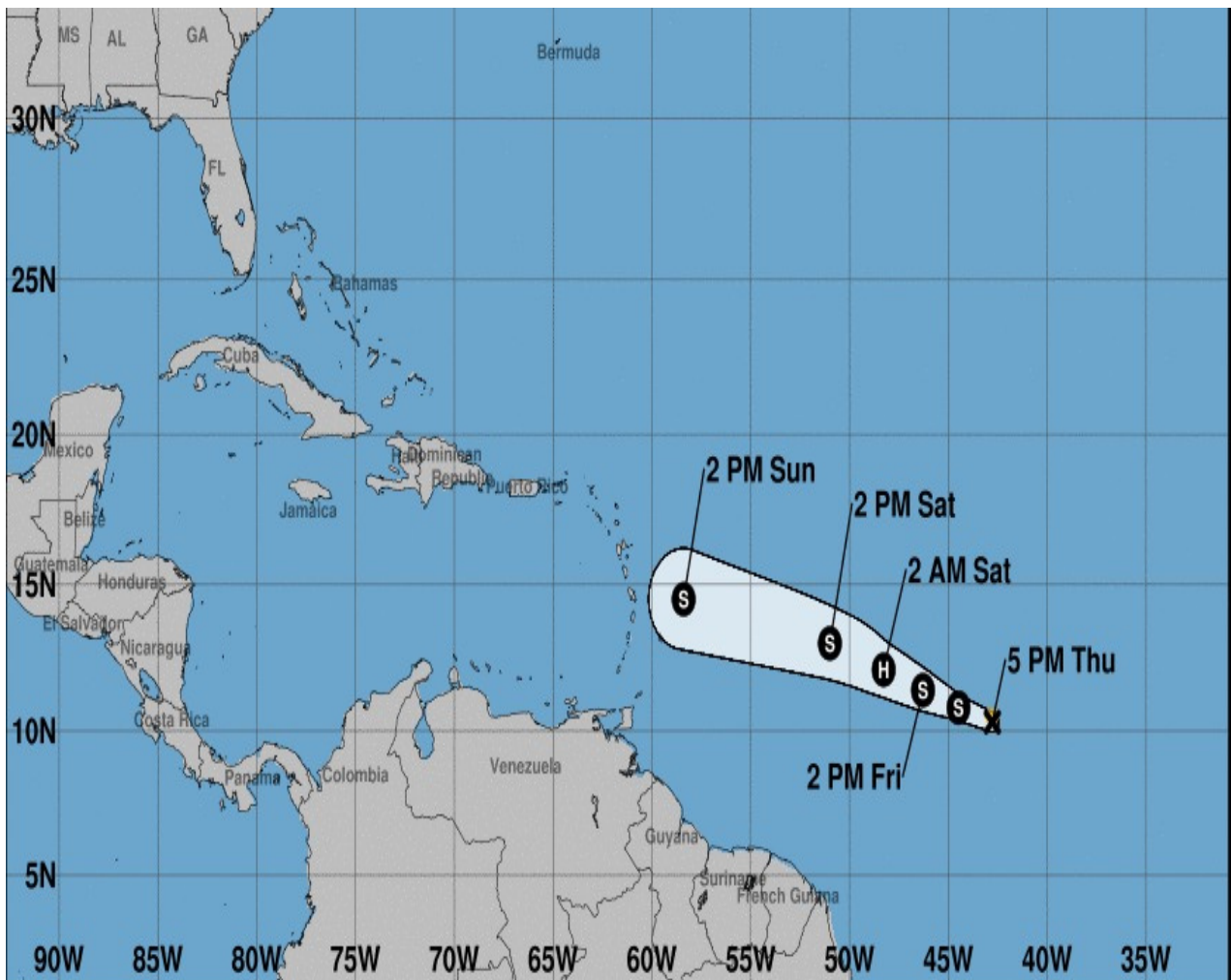


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Tropical Storm Beryl Could Become A Hurricane By Friday. It's Expected To Fade Soon After.

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What was [only recently a disturbance](#) in the Atlantic has morphed into a tropical storm, with the National Hurricane Center (N.H.C.) advising that it could become a hurricane by Friday.

That's according to [N.H.C.'s 5:00 p.m. advisory](#), which states that Beryl was located near latitude 10.3 North, longitude 42.8 West. The tropical storm is moving toward the west near 16 mph (26 km/h). A fast westward to west-northwestward motion is expected through the weekend, N.H.C. said. On the forecast track, the center of Beryl will remain east of the Lesser Antilles through Sunday.

Maximum sustained winds of Beryl have increased to near 50 mph (85 km/h) with higher gusts. Additional strengthening is forecast, and Beryl could become a hurricane by Friday or Saturday. Thereafter, the storm, which N.H.C. describes as "tiny," is forecast to degenerate into an open trough just east of the Lesser Antilles over the weekend.

Tropical-storm-force winds extend outward up to 35 miles (55 km) from the center. The estimated minimum central pressure is 1004 mb (29.65 inches).

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