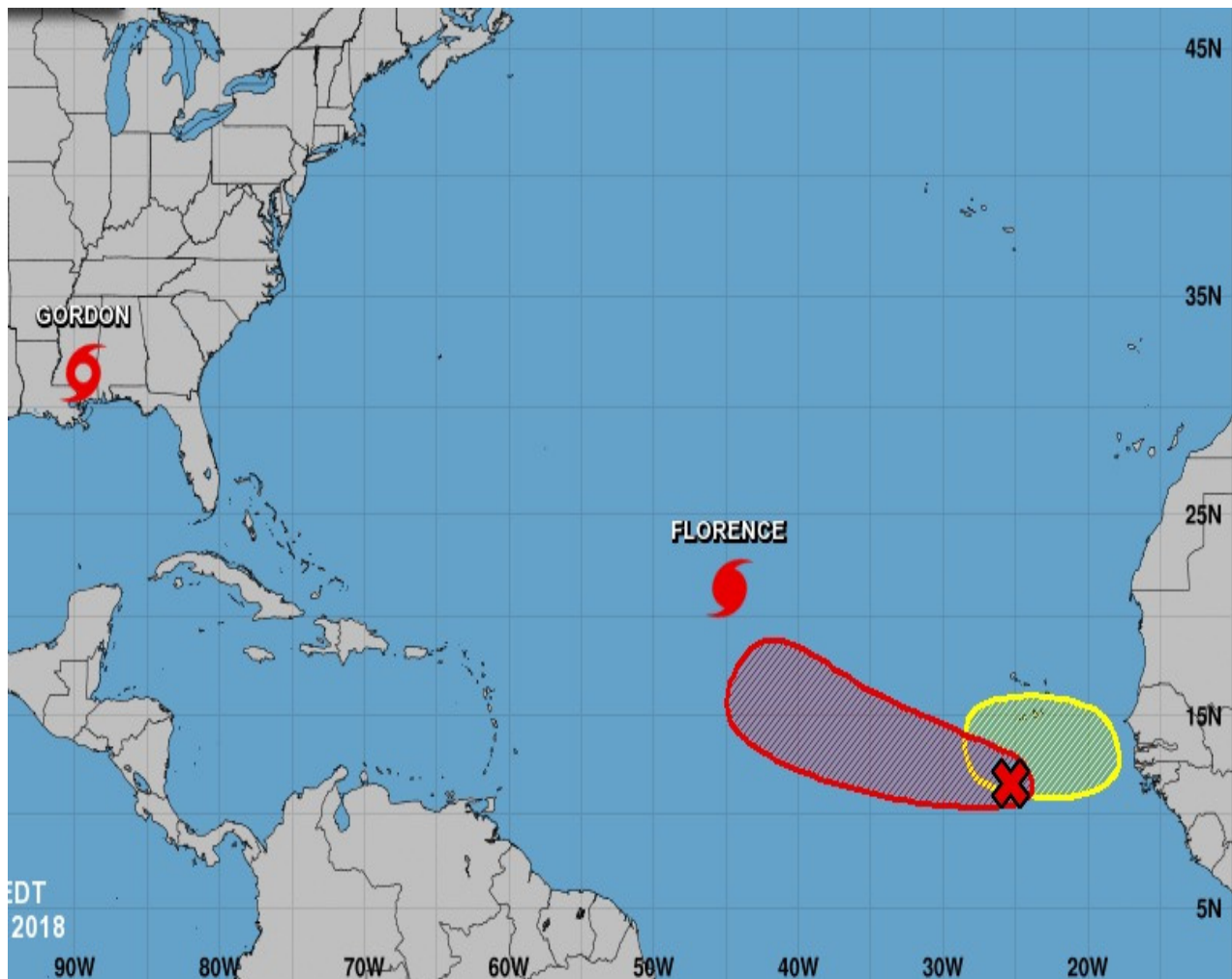


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Weather System Developing In Atlantic Continues To Take Form

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A weather system that could potentially impact some Caribbean islands continues to take form in the Atlantic Ocean. The National Weather Service (N.W.S.) gave the system a 40 percent chance of tropical depression formation in the next 48 hours, and a 90 percent chance through the next five days.

According to N.W.S.'s 2:00 a.m. advisory, the system -- a broad area of low pressure accompanied by disorganized cloudiness and showers -- is centered a couple of hundred miles south-southwest of the Cabo Verde Islands.

Environmental conditions are forecast to become conducive for development, and a tropical depression is expected to form by the end of the week while the system moves west- northwestward across the tropical Atlantic Ocean.

Also attempting to take form is a tropical wave that is forecast to move off the west coast of Africa in a few days. Some development of the system is possible over the weekend while the wave moves westward over the far eastern tropical Atlantic Ocean, according to N.W.S.

Formation chances for the latter system in the next 48 hours stand at 0 percent, N.W.S. said, while formation chances in through the next five days stand at 20 percent.

September 6 marks the 1-year anniversary of Hurricane Irma's landfall in the USVI, affecting mostly the St. Thomas-St. John District. Hurricane Maria struck the USVI on September 19, damaging mostly St. Croix. Both were Category 5 storms.