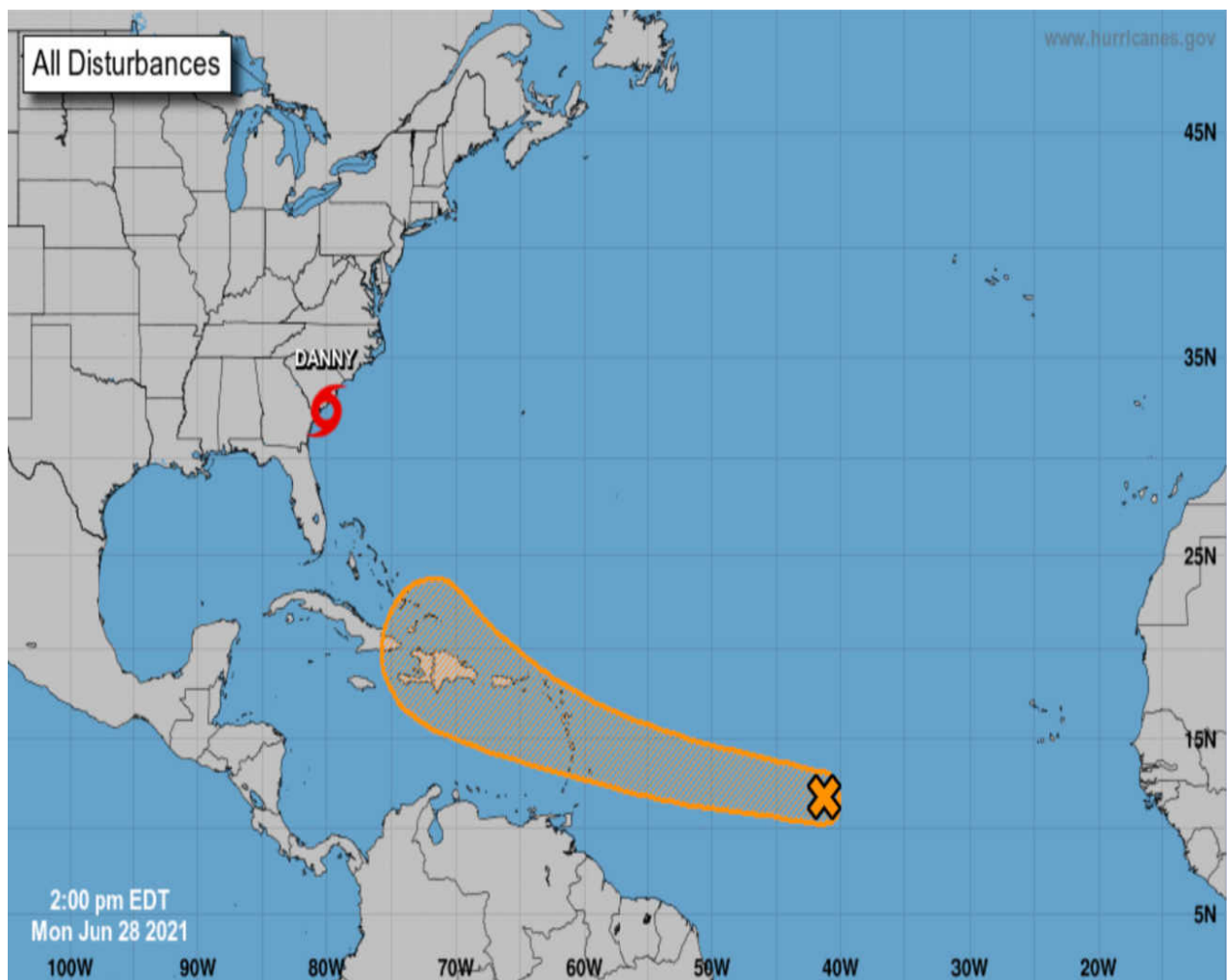


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Tropical Wave Heading to Lesser Antilles, Including USVI Projected to See Slow Development in Coming Days; Tropical Storm Danny Eyes South Carolina

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A tropical wave located over the central tropical Atlantic Ocean is producing disorganized showers and a few thunderstorms, and is projected to see some development in the coming days, the National Hurricane Center announced in its 2:00 p.m. Monday forecast.

"Some slow development of this disturbance is possible after the middle of the week while the system moves westward to west-northwestward at 15 to 20 mph, likely reaching the Lesser Antilles by Wednesday night," the N.H.C. said.

The system has a 40 percent chance of development in the next five days, N.H.C. said.

Elsewhere, tropical system number four has developed into Tropical Storm Danny, and a tropical storm warning has been issued for South Carolina from Edisto Beach to South Santee River.

The National Hurricane Center said the center of Danny was located near latitude 32.3 North, longitude 80.1 West at 5:00 p.m. Monday. Danny is moving toward the west-northwest near 16 mph (26 km/h) and this general motion is expected to continue into Tuesday. On the forecast track, Danny will make landfall along the southern coast of South Carolina early this evening, and move into east-central Georgia late tonight and early Tuesday morning.

Data from NOAA Doppler radars and reconnaissance aircraft indicate that maximum sustained winds have increased to near 45 mph (75 km/h) with higher gusts. No change in strength is expected until landfall occurs in a few hours. Rapid weakening is forecast after Danny moves inland.

Tropical-storm-force winds extend outward up to 35 miles (55 km) from the center.

The minimum central pressure based on reports from An Air Force Reserve Unit reconnaissance aircraft is estimated to be 1009 mb (29.80 inches).