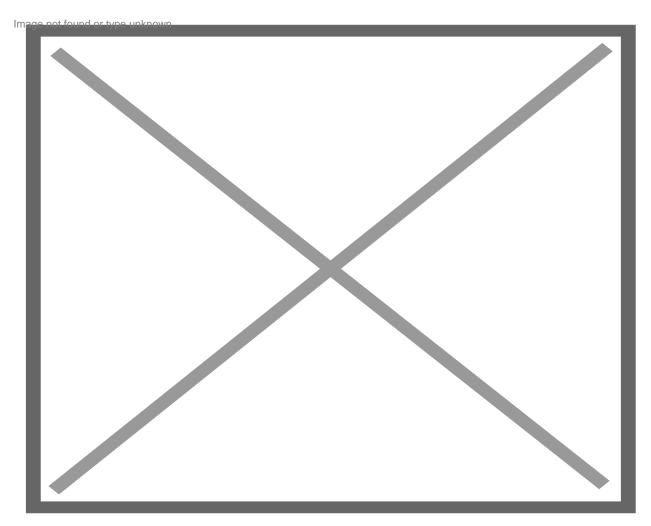
## **Newly Formed Tropical Storm Cindy Veers North; Bret Anticipated to Dissipate by Weekend**

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The paths of Tropical Storms Bret and Cindy, as shown through radar images by Weather.com

Newly formed Tropical Storm Cindy is gradually intensifying but poses no threat to islands as it charts a course northwards, according to the latest information at 5:00 a.m. Friday from the National Hurricane Center. Meanwhile, Tropical Storm Bret is on a trajectory that forecasts its eventual disintegration over the weekend.

As of 5:00 AM AST, Cindy was situated at 12.1N latitude and 46.9W longitude, approximately 990 miles east of the Lesser Antilles. The tropical storm has a present movement toward the west-northwest at approximately 15 mph, with maximum sustained winds near 45 mph and higher

gusts. Over the next few days, the storm is predicted to continue on this general path.

Despite strengthening predicted over the next couple of days, Cindy is expected to remain well east and northeast of the northern Leeward Islands throughout the early part of next week. As such, no coastal watches or warnings have been issued at this time. The storm's winds currently extend outward up to 60 miles from the center, and it has a minimum central pressure estimated at 1005 mb.

Elsewhere, Tropical Storm Bret is heading westward at 18 mph from its current position at 13.4N latitude and 62.9W longitude. The storm, which now boasts maximum sustained winds near 60 mph, is forecasted to continue moving westward away from the Windward Islands and across the eastern and central Caribbean Sea over the next couple of days.

Bret is anticipated to weaken significantly and is expected to dissipate over the central Caribbean Sea by Saturday night or Sunday. Presently, Bret's tropical-storm-force winds extend outward up to 125 miles, mainly to the north of the center, with a minimum central pressure estimated at 1001 mb.

While neither storm currently poses land hazards, residents and authorities of regions within their potential paths are urged to monitor the situation closely.

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