



# Cuba/Gulf of Mexico: Hurricane Rita

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"The Hurricane Rita, classified already category IV event according to the Saffir-Simpson scale, has been affecting the territory of Cuba during the last days."



**Western Cuba**  
 - 230,000 evacuated by Cuba's Civil Defense  
 - 18,883 taken to government shelters  
 - The rest went to homes of relatives or friends

**Havana**  
 19 Sept: Electricity cut  
 20-21 Sept: School closed

**Central Vedado District**  
 19 Sept: People evacuated  
 20 Sept: Evacuees returned home

**SITUATION**  
 Hurricane Rita struck Cuba during recent days with torrential rains, thunderstorms and winds up to 100 km/h. No deaths reported. Heavy rains and high winds damaged beaches, inland, electric systems, houses and agricultural sector.  
 The provinces of Matanzas, Havana and City of Havana placed in recovery status. The province of Pinar del Rio back to normality.

**ACTION**  
 Cuba's Civil Defense evacuated people from coastal and low-lying and other dangerous areas.  
 Office of the Resident Coordinator is the focal point for information received from Civil Defense.

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