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HEAVY RAINS AFFECTING VENEZUELA

Heavy rains have been affecting Venezuela over the past weeks, with increased intensity last three days in tandem with the hurricanes in the Caribbean.

The heavy rain is causing severe floods and landslides and resulting in casualties and damage. Unofficial sources confirmed at least 12 fatalities due the heavy rains since early September. The worst affected states are all along northern Venezuela including the capital area of Caracas.

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Following an apparently quite start for this year hurricane season in the Caribbean, two tropical cyclones irrupted in the area from mid-September, first Hurricane Fiona, which caused deadly flooding and devastation to Puerto Rico and Dominican Republic from September 18, ending as the strongest storm on record to hit Canada.

Second and currently evolving Hurricane Ian, already caused devastation across western Cuba on September 27, and increased its strength and size as it made landfall in Florida, United States on September 28, being the first hurricane

to make landfall in mainland United States this season.

Back to Venezuela, despite the local described situation, although it has not affected the ports and bigger vessels directly, we at Globalpandi as correspondents are monitoring the situation in case of any changes that could affect eventually the maritime activities.

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