

Subtropical storm soaking Puerto Rico

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MIAMI -- Northern Puerto Rico was awash with rain and gusty winds Tuesday as Subtropical Storm Olga moved westward in a rare December meteorological development. Forecasters at the National Hurricane Center in Miami said at 5 a.m. Tuesday, Olga had winds of 45 mph with stronger gusts that extended 200 miles outward. The storm was moving west at about 17 mph and was expected to move away from Puerto Rico Tuesday after dumping as much as 4 inches of rain and then reach the Dominican Republic. Olga was then expected to weaken and break up once fully over land but forecasters said as much as 6 inches of rain was possible in the Dominican Republic. A tropical storm warning was in effect for the northern coast of the Dominican Republic from Cabo Engano to Bahio de Manzanillo at the border with Haiti. The Atlantic hurricane season ended Nov. 30 although Olga became just the 17th storm to develop in December since record-keeping began in 1851. Seven of the December storms were recorded after 1995.

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