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TROPICAL STORM Erin's remnants soaked rain-weary Texas yesterday, flooding roads and killing at least one person when a waterlogged roof collapsed in Houston.

In the Atlantic, Hurricane Dean strengthened to a Category 2 storm as it moved closer to islands in the eastern Caribbean, the National Hurricane Center said.

Hurricane warnings were issued for some islands, and a tropical storm watch was issued for the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico.

Dean, the first hurricane of the Atlantic season, was churning about 200 miles east-northeast of

Barbados with sustained winds of 100 mph. It was heading west at 23 mph, the hurricane center said. The storm center was expected to pass the French islands of Martinique and Guadeloupe by this morning.

"Dean is on path to do some damage in the Caribbean," said Hugh Cobb, a hurricane specialist at the center in Miami.

In Houston, a roof collapsed on a shed behind a Randalls grocery store, killing one person and injuring another.

"It appears given all of the heavy rain we have received, the roof just gave way," said Assistant Chief Omero Longoria of the Houston Fire Department.

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