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## NEWS RELEASE

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **County Judge Richard F. Cortez releases statement on Hurricane Hanna impact on Hidalgo County**

**EDINBURG** – Hidalgo County Judge Richard F. Cortez has released a statement regarding Hurricane Hanna's impact overnight in Hidalgo County.

Statement:

Good morning,

The county received between 8 to 12 inches of rain and heavy winds. Our drainage system is at capacity but flowing well. From past experience, it will take 24 to 48 hours before we can drain all the water downstream.

We had no fatalities, but many of our citizens live in areas where it is flooding. Many vehicles are stranded, power lines and transformers are down and we are evacuating people.

Please be assured that all emergency management teams throughout the county are out there to provide assistance wherever needed.

We ask that you stay home while streets remain flooded. Do not drive through flooded streets and do not drive around barricades. Even one foot of water can hide dangers to drivers.

Please join me in thanking all our first responders, healthcare providers, law enforcement and county and city employees for their efforts during these difficult times.

Richard F. Cortez  
County Judge

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