

## **Texas evades worst from tropical storm, but flooding still possible**

Washington (dpa) - Flood warnings remained in effect Wednesday in five states in the south-central United States, as a tropical storm packing strong thunderstorms and possible tornadoes moved inland.

Governor Gregg Abbott said Texas was "able to avoid the worst" when Tropical Storm Bill made landfall. The storm caused no casualties, but Texans should still be cautious of heavy rainfall and the possibility of tornadoes, Abbott said, according to the Houston Chronicle.

Tropical Storm Bill, now categorized as a depression, is causing heavy rainfall and possible flooding for western Texas and Oklahoma, as well as parts of Arkansas, Missouri and Illinois.

Texas prepared for the storm on high alert as the state, along with Oklahoma, is still recovering from severe rain storms and flooding that killed around 20 people just a few weeks ago.

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