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- 5: Hurricane Gilbert heads toward Dominican Coast
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- 8: Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic (AP)
- 9: Hurricane Gilbert Swept toward the Dominican Republic Sunday, and the Civil Defense alerted its heavily populated south coast to prepare for high winds, heavy rains, and high seas.
- 10: The storm was approaching from the southeast with sustained winds of 75 mph gusting to 92 mph.
- 11: "There is no need for alarm," Civil Defense Director Eugenio Cabral said in a television alert shortly after midnight Saturday.
- 12: Cabral said residents of the province of Barahona should closely follow Gilbert's movement.
- 13: An estimated 100,000 people live in the province, including 70,000 in the city of Barahona, about 125 miles west of Santo Domingo.
- 14: Tropical storm Gilbert formed in the eastern Caribbean and strengthened into a hurricane Saturday night.
- 15: The National Hurricane Center in Miami reported its position at 2 a.m. Sunday at latitude 16.1 north, longitude 67.5 west, about 140 miles south of Ponce, Puerto Rico, and 200 miles southeast of Santo Domingo.
- 16: The National Weather Service in San Juan, Puerto Rico, said Gilbert was moving westward at 15 mph with a "broad area of cloudiness and heavy weather" rotating around the center of the storm.
- 17: The weather service issued a flash flood watch for Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands until at least 6 p.m. Sunday.
- 18: Strong winds associated with the Gilbert brought coastal flooding, strong southeast winds, and up to 12 feet to Puerto Rico's south coast.
- 19: There were no reports on casualties.
- 20: San Juan, on the north coast, had heavy rains and gusts Saturday, but they subsided during the night.
- 21: On Saturday, Hurricane Florence was downgraded to a tropical storm, and its remnants pushed inland from the U.S. Gulf Coast.
- 22: Residents returned home, happy to find little damage from 90 mph winds and sheets of rain.
- 23: Florence, the sixth named storm of the 1988 Atlantic storm season, was the second hurricane.
- 24: The first, Debby, reached minimal hurricane strength briefly before hitting the Mexican coast last month.