

HURRICANE POLO STRIKES BAJA CALIFORNIA SUR

Landfall south of Las Barrancas, Mexico • September 28–29, 2026



CATEGORY 2 AT LANDFALL

110 MPH WINDS

Heavy rain • flash-flood danger • destructive surf

LANDFALL

~11:00 PM MST

Sept. 28

RAIN

6–12 INCHES

Parts of Baja Sur

PRESSURE

965 hPa

At landfall

WHAT HAPPENED

Hurricane Polo made landfall on the west coast of Baja California Sur just south of Las Barrancas late September 28. The National Hurricane Center reported maximum sustained winds near 110 mph as the storm crossed the peninsula. Polo then moved toward Sonora, where it weakened after a second landfall.

DANGERS REPORTED

- Life-threatening flash flooding and mudslides in steep terrain.
- Significant coastal flooding, large waves, dangerous surf and rip currents.
- Flooded streets and high water around Puerto San Carlos; some utility and water-service disruptions were also reported.

WAJD WATCH • WHY THIS MATTERS

Hundreds of people moved into shelters before the storm arrived. Even after a hurricane weakens, flooding, damaged roads, downed lines, and contaminated water can remain dangerous. Polo's tropical moisture also helped feed heavy-rain and flood threats farther north into parts of the United States.

SCRIPTURE TO REMEMBER

“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.” — Psalm 46:1 KJV

In storms and uncertainty, we pray for protection, wisdom, and help for every family in harm's way.

PRAY • PREPARE • HELP

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LATEST UPDATE • SEPTEMBER 30, 2026

Polo has weakened, but the flood story continues.

After crossing northwestern Mexico, Polo dissipated as a tropical cyclone. Its remaining moisture continued to contribute to heavy rain and flood concerns across portions of the U.S. Southwest and central Plains.

SAFETY REMINDERS

FLOODWATER

Never drive or walk through moving floodwater. Roads may be washed out beneath the surface.

POWER LINES

Stay far away from downed electrical lines and anything they may be touching.

WATER

Use safe drinking water if local officials report contamination or service interruptions.

UPDATES

Follow local emergency management and weather alerts; conditions can change quickly after landfall.

WAJD PRAYER FOCUS

- Protection for families in flooded and damaged communities.
- Strength for first responders, utility crews, shelter workers, and volunteers.
- Safe drinking water, food, medicine, and housing for those displaced.
- Comfort for people frightened by the storm and its aftermath.
- Wisdom for leaders making emergency decisions and recovery plans.

LET US PRAY

Lord Jesus, please protect the people affected by Hurricane Polo. Give strength to rescuers, wisdom to officials, and comfort to families facing flooding, damage, or loss. Provide safe shelter, clean water, food, and every needed resource. Help communities recover and draw hearts to You in the middle of the storm.

In Jesus' name, Amen.