

Tropical Storm Douglas forms off Mexico

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MEXICO CITY (AP) — Tropical Storm Douglas formed off Mexico's Pacific coast Wednesday but forecasters said it was not expected to hit land.

Douglas was located about 245 miles (395 kilometers) southwest of Manzanillo with winds clocked at 40 mph (65 kph), according to the National Hurricane Center in Miami, which said the storm could dump heavy rains between Lazaro Cardenas and Puerto Vallarta.

The southern Baja California Peninsula will also get some rough weather and people there should watch out for any change in course, said James Franklin, senior hurricane specialist with the center.

"Right now we are not forecasting it to hit land but there is always uncertainty," Franklin said. "We couldn't rule out at this point some impact in the southern Baja Peninsula."

The storm was moving northwest at 8 mph (13 kph) early Wednesday. It was expected to continue to strengthen before moving over cooler waters and weakening out at sea by Friday, forecasters said.

Meanwhile, Hurricane Boris was losing force far out in the Pacific and was expected to weaken to a tropical storm later Wednesday.

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