



Press Release
For Immediate Release

U.S. Mission Mexico
Security Message – Baja California Sur Evacuation Operations
and Commercial Flight Status
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Mexico City, September 22, 2014 – Evacuation operations from the Los Cabos area of Baja California Sur will conclude in the next few days. U.S. consular officials will continue to assist U.S. citizens in need, but operations will be limited. U.S. citizens needing emergency assistance should contact the U.S. State Department or the U.S. Consulate General in Tijuana as indicated below. The consular agency in Los Cabos is damaged and is currently not open for service.

Officials at Los Cabos airport report that commercial flight operations will be suspended until approximately October 8 to give priority to humanitarian and reconstruction efforts. Anyone considering departing from the area should travel to the airport in La Paz. The situation in the area remains fluid; therefore Mission Mexico advises the public to continue to visit Embassy Mexico's website, <http://mexico.usembassy.gov/>, for future updates.

The road between Los Cabos and La Paz is open, and fuel is available, but cash is required for purchases and ATM machines are not working. U.S. citizens are strongly discouraged from taking Highway One north from La Paz to Tijuana for the time-being; although the road is technically open, numerous wash-outs, a gasoline shortage, and other obstacles make the journey on this highway dangerous and arduous.

Flights are leaving from the La Paz airport and additional flights are being added as demand rises. Local infrastructure in La Paz, including roads and restaurants, is in good condition, and credit card and ATM facilities are returning to normal operations. Because of the functioning infrastructure and good flight options in La Paz, U.S. citizens in La Paz should remain there and not travel to Los Cabos.

U.S. citizens wishing to provide charitable assistance to victims in Baja California Sur should note that complicated customs and clearance requirements govern such assistance if originating abroad. The most efficient way to provide assistance and disaster relief is through cash contributions to the charity of your choice, earmarked for Hurricane Odile disaster relief.

The safety and security of U.S. citizens overseas is a top priority of the Department of State and the U.S. Embassy. U.S. citizens requiring assistance can visit <https://tfa.state.gov/ccd>, selecting "2014 Hurricane Odile," and providing as much information as possible. Phone 1-888-407-4747 (from the

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United States and Canada), +1-202-501-4444 (from all other countries) or email OdileEmergencyUSC@state.gov for additional information. To contact the U.S. Consulate General in Tijuana, please email ACSTijuana@state.gov or call 011-52 (664) 977-2000. After hours or on weekends, you can also contact the Consulate's U.S.-based emergency answering service at (619) 692-2154.

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