

# *Hurricane Maria Strikes Puerto Rico as Dangerous Category 4 Storm*

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San Juan, September 20 (RHC)-- In the Caribbean, Hurricane Maria struck the U.S. territory of Puerto Rico this morning as a major Category 4 storm -- the most powerful hurricane to make landfall there since 1928.

The eye of the storm made landfall on the island's south and is headed for the capital, San Juan, home to 400,000 people.

Overnight, Maria lashed the U.S. Virgin Islands, threatening to turn rubble and debris left over from Hurricane Irma into deadly projectiles.

In Dominica, where Maria struck late Monday, over 90 percent of buildings were left damaged or destroyed in what the country's prime minister called "mind-boggling" devastation.



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