

URGENT OFFICIAL NOTICE

Magnitude 7.2 earthquake shakes Panama, felt in Chiriqui

When	2026-10-09 12:56
Where	Nationwide; epicentre near Tonosí, Los Santos
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Summary

A strong earthquake of about magnitude 7.0-7.2 struck at 12:56 p.m. on Friday 9 October, centred roughly 39 km from Tonosí, Los Santos, and was felt across Chiriqui and much of the country. At least 13 aftershocks followed, one of magnitude 6.0, and afternoon classes were suspended nationwide.

Details (summary of the article)

According to La Prensa, a powerful earthquake struck at 12:56 p.m. on Friday 9 October 2026. The University of Panama's Institute of Geosciences gave preliminary figures of magnitude 7.0 to 7.2 at a shallow depth of 4-10 km, located about 39 km from Tonosí in Los Santos province. People evacuated buildings, shops, schools and homes in Panama City districts such as Don Bosco, Costa del Este, Pueblo Nuevo, San Miguelito and San Francisco, and the quake was also felt in Chiriqui, Veraguas and the central provinces. Structural damage was reported in Penonomé, Coclé, including the San Juan Bautista cathedral, the governor's building, the Hotel Dos Continentes and the Iguana Mall. By 1:30 p.m. around 13 aftershocks had been recorded, the strongest at magnitude 6.0 north of Tonosí. The Ministry of Education suspended afternoon classes nationwide and closed its administrative offices across the country. Residents should expect further aftershocks and check buildings for damage; the situation is still developing.

Original (es)

Fuerte temblor de 7.2 sacude a Panamá; se registran más de 13 réplicas

De acuerdo a un reporte preliminar del Instituto de Geociencias de la Universidad de Panamá el sismo fue de 7.0, profundidad de 10 kilómetros y localizado en Panamá a 39km al oeste de Tonosí.