

URGENT OFFICIAL NOTICE

Quake leaves water plants at minimum and power out in parts of Chiriqui

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Summary

After Friday's magnitude 7.2 quake, IDAAN says several water treatment plants are running reduced or interrupted due to electrical faults, and Naturgy reports power still out in parts of Chiriqui and five other provinces.

Details (summary of the article)

Infobae reports that Panama's water utility IDAAN said several treatment plants nationwide had interrupted or reduced output after electrical failures linked to Friday's earthquake; the Federico Guardia Conte plant in Chilibre was running at only 20% of capacity, causing irregular supply in areas it serves. IDAAN asked people to use available water responsibly while service is normalised and said it is still assessing its plants nationwide. Power distributor Naturgy confirmed outages in parts of Chiriqui, Herrera, Los Santos, Veraguas, Cocle and western Panama province, and is restoring supply with the National Dispatch Centre; it gave no figure for customers affected or a restoration time. Ensa restored 17 circuits in Colon but Costa Abajo remained without power. SINAPROC's deputy director said the sea pulled back a few metres in Veraguas and Chiriqui, but the tsunami alert was fully cancelled. In Panama City two metro lines were suspended and stations evacuated; ETESA said the transmission grid stayed stable. Firefighters inspected buildings and treated a student who fainted during a school evacuation; no deaths were reported. The quake, magnitude 7.2 per the University of Panama, was centred 39 km north-northwest of Tonosi at only 4 km depth.

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