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Cabinet declares state of emergency after 7.5 earthquake

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Summary

Panama's Cabinet declared a state of emergency on Saturday 10 October to deal with earthquake damage; no deaths, 27 injured, 426 homes and 419 schools affected. The education minister will announce between Saturday and early Sunday whether classes resume Monday nationwide or stay suspended in some regions.

Details (summary of the article)

La Prensa reports that the Cabinet Council approved a state of emergency following Friday's magnitude 7.5 earthquake, as announced by Government Minister Juan Carlos Orillac. A commission will organise humanitarian aid and coordinate repairs and reconstruction. SINAPROC deputy director Malitzie Rivera said no deaths had been reported, about 27 people were injured with light to moderate wounds, 21 health facilities were damaged and more than 426 homes assessed, with Herrera, Los Santos and Veraguas worst hit; some 300 people were evacuated on Isla de Cañas. Damage was also recorded in Panama, Chiriqui and Bocas del Toro provinces and the Ngäbe-Buglé and Emberá comarcas, mainly to schools and some houses. Education Minister Ventura Vega said 419 schools were reported damaged and that a decision on whether Monday's classes resume nationwide or remain suspended in certain regions would be announced between Saturday and early Sunday — important for Boquete families. Security Minister Frank Ábrego said eight helicopters and four aircraft were deployed, with around 400 Senafront officers sent to Penonomé, while the housing ministry will certify which damaged homes can be reoccupied.

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Decretan estado de emergencia tras el terremoto de 7.5

Siga aquí en vivo la conferencia de prensa posterior al Consejo de Gabinete, convocada tras el terremoto de magnitud 7.5 que sacudió Panamá el viernes 9 de octubre.