

URGENT OFFICIAL NOTICE

US Embassy earthquake update: aftershocks, outages, damaged roads

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Summary

The U.S. Embassy in Panama issued its first update after the magnitude 7.7 quake of 9 October, warning that damaging aftershocks may continue nationwide, with power and telecom outages and possible road and bridge damage.

Details (summary of the article)

The U.S. Embassy in Panama has published a countrywide natural disaster alert following the magnitude 7.7 earthquake centred at La Pitaloza at 12:56 p.m. on 9 October 2026. It warns that aftershocks strong enough to cause damage may keep occurring and advises Americans in Panama to stay away from damaged buildings and to follow local emergency broadcasts and official instructions. Tocumen International Airport is operating, though flights may be delayed or cancelled. Some roads may be damaged or closed, particularly at bridges and overpasses, and power and telephone/internet outages continue, especially in Veraguas province. Residents are urged to tell family and friends they are safe, avoid damaged areas, and prepare for further power and communication cuts. Consular help: U.S. Embassy Panama City +507-317-5000, Panama-ACS@state.gov; State Department 888-407-4747 or 202-501-4444; enrol in STEP for security updates.