

URGENT OFFICIAL NOTICE

Nationwide rain warning extended to 21 October; Chiriquí highlands among worst hit

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Summary

SINAPROC has extended its nationwide prevention warning for heavy rain, thunderstorms and wind gusts until 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday 21 October, with the heaviest rain expected 19-21 October. The Chiriquí highlands (Boquete) are in the top-risk band with 120-280 mm of rain per day possible.

Details (summary of the article)

Mi Diario reports that SINAPROC has extended the prevention alert across the whole country and both coasts because of persistent heavy rain, thunderstorms and wind gusts, valid until 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday 21 October. IMHPA attributes the weather to a strengthening low-pressure system in the Caribbean north of Panama that is drawing moisture in from the Pacific. The highest daily accumulations, 120 to 280 mm, are forecast for the Chiriquí highlands, Bocas del Toro, the Ngäbe-Buglé comarca, northern Veraguas and Coclé; lowland Chiriquí and other provinces may see 120-200 mm. Authorities warn of flash flooding in rivers and streams, urban and rural flooding, landslides and falling trees. Residents are urged to supervise children and the elderly, avoid crossing flooded roads or streams, prepare an emergency kit with water, medicines, food and documents, secure roofs and loose objects, and shelter during lightning. Emergency numbers given are 520-4425, 911 and 6998-4809.

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Las mayores precipitaciones se registrarán entre el 19 y el 21 de octubre.