

Navy seizes 2,852 drug packages off Chiriqui coast

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Summary

Panama's air-naval service (SENAN) intercepted a speedboat south of Punta Burica, Chiriqui, seizing 2,852 packages of suspected drugs and arresting three crew members, reported La Prensa on 4 October.

Details (summary of the article)

SENAN, Panama's National Air-Naval Service, announced on Sunday 4 October that during maritime patrols under Operation Escudo Protector it intercepted a go-fast boat south of Punta Burica in Chiriqui province. The boat tried to evade capture and struck the port side of a government vessel before being stopped. Officers detained the three crew members and seized 2,852 packages of suspected narcotics. While being towed to a safe port, the intercepted boat began taking on water uncontrollably and risked sinking, so crews focused on the safety of those aboard and on preserving evidence. On instructions from the Chiriqui drug prosecutor's office, the detainees and the cargo were taken to the Quebrada de Piedra air-naval station, and the three men were handed over to the competent authorities. SENAN says that so far in 2026 it has seized 57,334 packages of illegal substances in 87 anti-drug operations. The case has no direct effect on daily life in Boquete but reflects continued enforcement activity along the Chiriqui coast.

Original (es)

Tres aprehendidos tras el decomiso de 2,852 paquetes de presunta droga en Chiriquí
Tres tripulantes fueron aprehendidos durante el operativo.