

Earthquake disrupts water, power and transport nationwide

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Summary

Diario Versión Final reports that Friday's magnitude 7.2 quake near Tonosí knocked water plants and power circuits offline in several provinces, including Chiriqui, with no deaths reported.

Details (summary of the article)

A magnitude 7.2 earthquake struck Panama on Friday 9 October, centred about 39 km north-northwest of Tonosí at a shallow depth of only 4 km, according to Diario Versión Final. IDAAN said several drinking-water plants had their output cut or interrupted by quake-related electrical failures, with the Federico Guardia Conte plant at Chilibre down to about 20% capacity, and asked the public to use water sparingly until supply normalises. SINAPROC's deputy director Malitzie Rivera said the sea withdrew a few metres in parts of Veraguas and Chiriqui, but the tsunami alert was ruled out. In Panama City two metro lines were suspended and stations evacuated. ETESA said the national transmission grid remained stable, while distributors Naturgy and Ensa confirmed outages: Naturgy reported damage in Chiriqui, Herrera, Los Santos, Veraguas, Coclé and part of Panamá Oeste, the worst-scattered area; Ensa restored 17 circuits in Colón but Costa Abajo was still without power. Firefighters evacuated schools, treated a student who fainted, and are inspecting buildings for structural damage. No deaths have been linked to the quake so far and authorities continue assessing damage.

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