

LOCAL NEWS

Hospitals, schools and fire stations damaged by the earthquake

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Summary

La Prensa reports that Friday's magnitude 7.2 earthquake caused damage to 17 health facilities, several schools (mainly in Chiriqui) and fire stations across Panama, with evacuations but no deaths reported as of 6:50 p.m.

Details (summary of the article)

La Prensa reports that the earthquake of Friday 9 October damaged health facilities, schools and fire stations in several provinces. The health ministry (Minsa) counted non-structural damage at 17 facilities - six hospitals, eight health centres and three Minsa-CAPSI units - plus precautionary evacuations, and said at 6:50 p.m. there were no deaths or seriously injured people. In Chiriqui, the Cerro Viejo health centre in Tolé and the Dionisio Arrocha hospital reported damage, the Dolega Minsa-CAPSI lost electricity, and the Hospital del Oriente Chiricano in San Félix was fully evacuated (about 209 people) after structural damage in its emergency and equipment areas. Elsewhere, patients were evacuated from the Anita Moreno regional hospital in Los Santos and treated outdoors in Tonosí, while Hospital Santo Tomás in the capital reported structural damage and some hospitals suspended elective surgery and outpatient appointments for Friday and Saturday. The education ministry reported seven schools affected, mostly in Chiriqui, including Victoriano Lorenzo, the IPT Chiriquí Oriente and schools in Cuervito, El María, San Vicente, Los Planes and Paso Canoas. Fire stations in David (cracks in the central station), La Chorrera, Veracruz, Herrera, Coclé, Los Santos and Veraguas reported cracks or fallen slabs; much of the Soná station collapsed, trapping emergency vehicles. Assessments of buildings continue to determine the full extent of the damage.

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Las autoridades mantienen las evaluaciones de las infraestructuras para determinar el alcance de los daños.