

Preliminary damage report after Panama earthquake

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Summary

The National Emergency Operations Centre gave a first damage assessment after the 9 October earthquake, with a collapsed hotel in Coclé, damaged homes and churches in Los Santos and Veraguas, and damage to homes and some businesses in Chiriquí.

Details (summary of the article)

La Prensa reports the National Emergency Operations Centre's first assessment of Friday 9 October's major earthquake, whose epicentre was placed 39 km northwest of Tonosí at just 4 km depth. No missing persons had been reported at the time of the report. In Coclé the Hotel Dos Continentes collapsed without injuries, shop facades fell, churches and roads were damaged, hospitals were evacuated and 15 pupils of the Alberto Zúñiga school suffered minor injuries; one person was rescued from the Aguadulce municipal market. Los Santos saw houses collapse and damage to churches, government buildings, roads, two fire stations and police premises, while the Tonosí and Pedasí hospitals had minor damage. Veraguas reported damaged church domes, roads, communication networks, basic services and government buildings, and in Panama province four residential buildings had minor damage, hospitals and health centres were evacuated, and homes and shops in the Las Perlas archipelago were affected. In Chiriquí the damage was to homes and some businesses. Water treatment plants nationwide were damaged — the Chilibre plant was running at 20% capacity, recovering to about 50% by 4 p.m. Increased swell was reported at Isla Cañas in Tonosí, and security and emergency agencies continued monitoring sea levels.

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