

LOCAL NEWS

Nationwide quake damage: state of emergency, 419 schools affected, 33 homes damaged in Chiriqui

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Summary

Mi Diario reports SINAPROC's consolidated balance to 10 a.m. Saturday after the 7.5 quake: no deaths, 27 injured, 426 homes evacuated and 419 schools damaged. Chiriqui recorded 33 damaged homes, 20 schools, a collapsed water tank and a cracked treatment plant; Cabinet declared a state of emergency with about \$100 million allocated.

Details (summary of the article)

Mi Diario summarises the official damage picture after Friday's magnitude 7.5 earthquake centred 39 km northwest of Tonosí at just four kilometres depth. No one died, but 27 people were hurt and more than 426 homes were evacuated or damaged across the country. The Cabinet declared a state of emergency and earmarked roughly \$100 million; the education ministry raised its count of damaged schools from 188 to 419. In Chiriqui the updated figures are 33 affected homes (one destroyed), 20 schools, a health centre, three churches, one damaged road stretch, a collapsed water tank and a water treatment plant with a crack, so water service problems may continue in parts of the province. The heaviest damage is in Los Santos (140 homes, about 300 people evacuated from Isla Caña), Herrera (126 homes, 48 schools), Coclé (59 homes, a shelter at IFARHU in Penonomé) and Veraguas, where road and bridge damage has cut off the corregimientos of Arena, Cacao and Quebro. The Chilibre water plant serving Panama City is running at only 20% capacity. Evaluations of hospitals, bridges and public buildings continue, and officials are still deciding whether classes resume nationwide.

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