

Quake damage report: 188 schools affected nationwide, 20 in Chiriquí

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Summary

La Prensa reports Sinaproc's preliminary assessment of the magnitude 7.5 quake of 9 October: damage to homes, schools, hospitals, churches, roads and bridges across several provinces, including 15 partly damaged homes and 20 schools in Chiriquí.

Details (summary of the article)

La Prensa summarises the preliminary damage assessment issued by Sinaproc's national emergency operations centre as of 8 p.m. on 9 October, after the magnitude 7.5 earthquake centred 39 km northwest of Tonosí. The Education Ministry counted 188 damaged school buildings nationwide. Chiriquí got off comparatively lightly: 15 homes with partial damage and one destroyed, one health centre, 20 schools, three churches and one stretch of road, plus a collapsed water tank and a crack in a water treatment plant - relevant for anyone depending on piped supply. The hardest-hit provinces were Veraguas (18 homes, 35 schools, roads and bridges, with Arena, Cacao and Quebro cut off), Herrera (48 schools, a landslide on the Chitré-Las Minas road), Los Santos (22 schools, hospitals, 300 people evacuated from Isla Cañas as the sea level rose) and Coclé (50 homes, injuries to 17 people). Dozens of minor injuries were reported but no missing persons at the time of the report. Assessment and response work continues; emergencies can be reported on 520-4429 or 911.

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Terremoto: 188 escuelas afectadas y daños en viviendas y hospitales

El balance preliminar de Sinaproc registra daños en viviendas, hospitales, carreteras y edificios públicos.