

Quake toll update: 600 homes and 419 schools damaged nationwide

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Summary

La Prensa reports the national emergency centre's Saturday evening tally after Friday's magnitude 7.5 quake: at least 600 homes and 419 public schools damaged, no deaths. In Chiriquí, 49 homes (10 destroyed), 80 schools, two medical centres and 13 government buildings were affected.

Details (summary of the article)

The national Emergency Operations Centre (COE) issued an updated damage count as of 6:30 p.m. on Saturday 10 October, a day after the magnitude 7.5 earthquake of Friday 9 October, according to La Prensa. At least 600 homes have been damaged and the education ministry counts 419 public schools with damage; no deaths or missing people have been reported. The health ministry has set up six field hospitals to add treatment capacity. Veraguas, Los Santos and Coclé are the hardest-hit provinces: Veraguas has 202 damaged homes, nine damaged bridges in Soná district and two shelters in Mariato housing about 255 people; Los Santos reports 182 affected families (721 people), 71 damaged schools, the Pedasí-Tonosí road closed, five communities cut off and the Tonosí rural aqueduct out of service. For Chiriquí the report lists 49 affected homes, ten of them total losses, two medical centres, 80 schools (three destroyed), six churches, 13 government buildings and one road. Herrera counted 206 damaged homes and 51 schools; Coclé 149 homes; Colón, Bocas del Toro, Panamá, Panamá Oeste and the comarcas also report school and housing damage. Assessment work and repairs continue, with power and rural water systems still disrupted in some districts.

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Al menos 600 viviendas y 400 escuelas resultaron afectadas en el país por el terremoto

El balance preliminar de afectaciones registra daños en viviendas, centros educativos, instalaciones de salud, edificios gubernamentales e infraestructura vial en diferentes partes del país.