

35 schools destroyed; \$61 million for damaged hospitals

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Summary

La Prensa reports the government's updated earthquake damage balance: 35 schools totally destroyed (one in Chiriquí), 67 health facilities damaged with \$61 million assigned, and some 1,700 homes affected. Private schools may resume classes Tuesday 13 October; a list of official schools that cannot reopen will be published Tuesday.

Details (summary of the article)

According to La Prensa, Education Minister Ventura Vega said on Monday 12 October that 35 school buildings were completely destroyed by Friday's magnitude 7.5 earthquake, out of at least 400 officially damaged; those 35 serve about 3,031 students. Herrera has the most destroyed schools (20), followed by Veraguas (7), Los Santos (5), Coclé (2) and Chiriquí (1). With 34 school days left in the 2026 year, alternatives will be arranged so affected students can finish. Private schools may return to in-person classes on Tuesday 13 October provided buildings are safe, and the ministry will publish on Tuesday the list of public schools that cannot reopen on Wednesday. Health Minister Fernando Boyd Galindo said 67 of 842 medical facilities were damaged; Tonosí hospital must be rebuilt entirely and around \$61 million will be spent on repairs, with hospitals now working in tents returning to their buildings progressively. Government Minister Dinoska Montalvo put affected homes at about 1,700 with roughly 6,000 people attended, and the Housing Ministry says repair work on damaged houses begins this week.

Original (es)

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El terremoto de magnitud 7.5 afectó principalmente las provincias de Coclé, Herrera, Los Santos y Veraguas. Más de 1,200 viviendas y al menos 400 escuelas oficiales resultaron afectadas por el sismo.