

LOCAL NEWS

7,480 people affected by quake; schools reopen gradually from 14 October

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Summary

La Prensa reports Meduca's tally of 35 collapsed and 619 damaged schools after the 9 October magnitude 7.5 quake, with public classes resuming gradually from Wednesday 14 October only in certified buildings. SINAPROC counts 2,164 families (7,480 people) affected in nine provinces.

Details (summary of the article)

According to La Prensa, the Education Ministry (Meduca) says the magnitude 7.5 earthquake of Friday 9 October left 35 school buildings collapsed and another 619 damaged across five education regions, affecting enrolment of 422 students in the collapsed schools. Herrera has the most collapsed schools with 20 (13 in Las Minas, six in Los Pozos, one in Océ), followed by Veraguas with seven, Los Santos with five, two in Penonomé and one in Chiriquí. Education Minister Ventura Vega Osorio said public-school classes will restart gradually from Wednesday 14 October, and each building must first be certified as safe; 209 engineers, architects and maintenance staff are carrying out inspections. Private schools — 894 nationwide with about 140,000 students and 11,000 teachers — were urged to ensure safety and use flexible teaching arrangements. SINAPROC's balance as of 10 p.m. on Monday 12 October counted 2,164 affected families, or 7,480 people, in nine provinces: 506 lost their homes entirely, 507 had moderate damage, 776 partial and 375 light damage. Among those affected are 31 pregnant women and 290 people with disabilities. Emergency numbers given: 311, SINAPROC 520-4426, firefighters 103.

Original (es)

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Herrera concentra 20 de los 35 centros educativos reportados como colapsados.