

LOCAL NEWS

Quake toll rises: 11,460 people affected, 1,250 homes damaged

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Summary

The government's latest preliminary count after the 9 October magnitude 7.5 earthquake lists 11,460 people affected nationwide, 1,250 damaged homes and 600 schools, with Chiriqui among the most affected provinces.

Details (summary of the article)

At a Tuesday 13 October briefing reported by La Prensa, Canal Affairs Minister José Ramón Icaza, who also serves as secretary of presidential goals, gave the National Emergency Operations Centre's updated preliminary figures on the magnitude 7.5 earthquake of Friday 9 October. A total of 11,460 people are counted as affected and 27 have light or moderate injuries; no deaths or missing persons have been reported. Damage is nationwide but concentrated in Veraguas, Los Santos, Herrera, Coclé and Chiriqui, and includes 600 public schools, 1,250 homes and 90 government buildings, plus roads, bridges and basic services. The quake struck at 12:56 p.m. with its epicentre 39 km northwest of Tonosí in Los Santos, according to the University of Panama's Institute of Geosciences. Classes in public schools will resume gradually only at campuses judged safe, and the Education Ministry will announce this through its official channels alone. The Cabinet has declared a national state of emergency and freed up to \$100 million for no-bid purchases until 31 December.

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Balance en Panamá: 11,460 personas afectadas y 1,250 viviendas con daños

Las afectaciones se extienden a todo el país, con mayor incidencia en las provincias de Veraguas, Los Santos, Herrera, Coclé y Chiriquí.