

US hands Panama \$2.1 million in trucks for disaster response

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Summary

The U.S. Embassy delivered 17 heavy trucks worth \$2.1 million to SENAFRONT to boost logistics for earthquake relief and border security, part of wider U.S. aid after the 9 October quake.

Details (summary of the article)

The U.S. Embassy in Panama handed over 17 U.S.-funded heavy-duty trucks worth \$2.1 million to Panama's National Border Service (SENAFRONT) at a ceremony at SENAFRONT headquarters, attended by Ambassador Kevin Marino Cabrera, Public Security Minister Frank Ábrego and SENAFRONT Director General Larry Solís. The vehicles, in the 10-25 ton range, are meant to move personnel, equipment and humanitarian supplies across the country, which matters now because of relief work after the 9 October earthquake. The ambassador framed the gift as an investment in Panama's security and preparedness. The United States has also mobilised \$5 million in humanitarian assistance, sent urban search-and-rescue and disaster response specialists, and provided Southern Command aviation to move emergency supplies. Beyond the quake, the trucks are intended to support long-term border security operations and future national emergencies. The announcement came from the U.S. Embassy in Panama.