

Penonomé slowly reopens after quake, awaiting structural checks

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Summary

La Prensa reports that Penonomé is cautiously returning to normal after the magnitude 7.5 earthquake, with many buildings still cordoned off and awaiting structural evaluations.

Details (summary of the article)

The newspaper La Prensa describes Penonomé (Coclé) edging back to normality after the magnitude 7.5 earthquake of Friday 9 October. Shops have begun reopening since the start of this week, some with workers repairing roofs, windows, ceilings and walls, while other premises and government buildings stay shut pending formal structural inspections; damaged multi-storey buildings on Avenida Central are cordoned off. At the Aquilino Tejeira hospital, open since 1950, patients were evacuated to tents in the car park; a first assessment found only light structural damage, the emergency room, delivery room, an operating theatre, X-ray and administration are working again, and 45 inpatients were expected to return to the wards on Thursday 15 October, while 60 dialysis patients are being treated in Aguadulce. The landmark Dos Continentes hotel lost its two upper floors, which collapsed onto offices and parked cars, and the damaged wing will have to be demolished. The regional Contraloría office is closed and guarded by police because of damage at its base, leaving around 150 staff unable to work since their computer equipment is inside. The Coclé governor's building and the San Juan Bautista cathedral also show severe visible damage with no official word on their condition. Volunteers said most donations have come from private companies and citizens rather than the government, with collection centres set up near the municipal building and at schools; fire and civil-protection officials declined to comment.

Original (es)

Sin evaluaciones estructurales, Penonomé comienza a tantear la normalidad

Con cautela y con signos de estrés, Penonomé empieza a volver a la normalidad. Desde principios de semana, empezaron a abrir poco a poco los comercios, algunos con obreros reparando techos, vitrinas, ventanas, puertas, cielorrasos y paredes.