

Venezuela sends 51 infrastructure experts to help after the earthquake

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Summary

President Mulino thanked Venezuela for sending 51 specialists who arrived at Tocumen airport on Tuesday 13 October to help assess earthquake damage to schools, roads, churches and heritage sites.

Details (summary of the article)

According to EcoTV Panamá, President José Raúl Mulino publicly thanked the Venezuelan government on Wednesday 14 October for sending 51 infrastructure specialists to assist after the magnitude 7.5–7.7 earthquake of Friday 9 October. The team arrived at Tocumen International Airport on Tuesday 13 October in two groups and was received by Deputy Foreign Minister Carlos Hoyos. Thirty-four of the experts will focus on assessing and recovering schools and other damaged buildings, while the remaining 17 will inspect roads, churches and heritage sites. Official figures cited put the toll at more than 11,500 people affected, over 2,800 still in 33 temporary shelters, 3,390 damaged homes (727 destroyed), 619 schools (35 collapsed), more than 60 government buildings, 44 churches, 67 health centres, 11 hotels and about ten roads and bridges. Nearly 30 people were injured and no deaths have been reported. The US Geological Survey measured the quake at 7.7 and the University of Panama at 7.5. The Venezuelan mission will help determine what repairs are needed to restore services in affected communities.

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