

Guns-for-food programme; next Chiriquí session on 20 November

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Summary

Mi Diario reports that 67 firearms, 8,627 rounds and 313 explosive devices were handed in at a San Miguelito exchange event for food and medicine vouchers; the programme comes to Chiriquí on 20 November.

Details (summary of the article)

At the sixth session of the Ministry of Public Security's "Arms and Ammunition for Food and Medicine" programme, held at Gran Estación in San Miguelito, residents handed in 67 firearms, 8,627 rounds of ammunition and 313 explosive devices, according to Mi Diario. The haul included 17 long guns (shotguns, rifles and assault rifles), a submachine gun and 49 handguns, plus magazines, 199 detonators, flares, 41 tear-gas grenades and CS capsules. Hand-ins are anonymous: officials ask for no names or origin, assess the weapons to set the value of the food and medicine vouchers, and disable the guns in front of the owner before destroying them. The scheme is run by the Diasp unit with the Panama governor's office and the National Police under the Plan Firmeza security strategy. Six sessions this year have taken in close to 500 firearms and nearly 40,000 rounds. The next session is on 29 October in Cuatro Altos, Colón, and one is scheduled in Chiriquí on 20 November.

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¡Hasta granadas! Esto fue lo que entregaron a cambio de comida y medicamentos en San Miguelito

Recuperan 67 armas de fuego, 8,627 municiones y 313 explosivos durante una jornada de intercambio por comida y medicamentos en San Miguelito.