

LOCAL NEWS

Over 1,000 drug packages seized off Punta Burica, Chiriquí

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Summary

Panama's Aeronaval intercepted an artisanal boat south of Punta Burica, Chiriquí, arresting three people and recovering 1,098 packages of suspected drugs that the crew had thrown overboard.

Details (summary of the article)

According to Mi Diario, the National Aeronaval Service intercepted a small artisanal boat in Pacific waters south of Punta Burica in Chiriquí as part of Operation Escudo Protector. When the crew noticed the patrol they tried to flee and threw several sacks into the sea, but officers recovered the cargo and stopped the vessel. Three people were detained and taken, with the boat and the evidence, to the Quebrada de Piedra Aeronaval station in coordination with the Chiriquí Drug Prosecutor's Office. There the haul was counted at 1,098 packages of a substance whose exact composition is still to be determined. The Aeronaval says it has now seized 60,561 packages of illegal substances in 91 operations so far in 2026. Authorities have not released the identities of the three detainees. Maritime security operations continue alongside the force's humanitarian work after the recent earthquake.

Original (es)

Chiriquí: Lanzaron sacos al mar y terminaron interceptados con más de mil paquetes

La Aeronaval incautó 1,098 paquetes de presunta droga al sur de Punta Burica, Chiriquí. Tres personas fueron aprehendidas tras intentar huir y lanzar sacos al mar.