

Panama to back Rafael Grossi for UN Secretary-General, announced in Bugaba

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Summary

President Mulino said Panama will support IAEA head Rafael Grossi's bid to lead the UN, announcing it at the opening of the new Oncology and Nuclear Medicine Centre at Bugaba Hospital in Chiriquí.

Details (summary of the article)

At the inauguration of the new Oncology and Nuclear Medicine Centre at the Hospital de Bugaba in Chiriquí, President José Raúl Mulino announced that Panama will vote for Argentine diplomat Rafael Grossi, director general of the International Atomic Energy Agency, in the race to become UN Secretary-General. Mulino said the backing is a gesture of gratitude: one of the centre's two linear accelerators was donated by the IAEA after he raised the matter with Grossi at Davos, and diplomatic steps followed quickly. Grossi has close to four decades of experience in non-proliferation and disarmament and has led the IAEA since December 2019. The contest is to succeed António Guterres, whose term ends in late 2026. Panama's foreign minister Javier Martínez-Acha also met Grossi in September during the UN General Assembly. For Chiriquí residents the practical point is the new cancer and nuclear medicine facility now operating in Bugaba. Reported by La Prensa.

Original (es)

Panamá respaldará al argentino Rafael Grossi para la secretaría general de la ONU

Grossi es un diplomático argentino con cerca de cuatro décadas de experiencia en asuntos de no proliferación y desarme.