

917 aftershocks recorded since the Azuero earthquake; tremors also in Chiriquí

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Summary

The University of Panama's Geosciences Institute said on Monday 19 October that 917 aftershocks have followed the 9 October magnitude 7.5 quake, with activity gradually easing, and warned that rain could trigger new landslides in affected areas.

Details (summary of the article)

According to La Prensa, the Geosciences Institute of the University of Panama has recorded 917 aftershocks linked to the 9 October earthquake in the Azuero region, its director Néstor Luque said on Monday 19 October. Of these, 411 have been reviewed by staff and student collaborators; most fall between magnitude 3 and 4, though the weekend brought a 5.1 and a 4.8. Overall the activity is declining, with longer gaps between events, as the Azuero fault system settles back towards equilibrium before beginning a new cycle of energy build-up. Luque also addressed light quakes felt elsewhere, including Bocas del Toro and the Chiriquí–Costa Rica border area, saying these are unrelated to the Azuero faults and simply reflect Panama's many active faults. The institute continues to evaluate landslide zones. With rain warnings in force, he cautioned that precipitation could cause new landslides or mobilise material piled along riverbanks, producing more damaging debris flows. Residents are advised to stay away from riverbanks because of the risk of sudden rises and flooding.

Original (es)

Panamá registra 917 réplicas tras el terremoto de Azuero; también sismos en Chiriquí y Bocas del Toro

Del total registrado, 411 réplicas han sido revisadas por el personal de turno y los estudiantes que colaboran en el análisis de estos eventos.