

13 held in Meduca fake-diploma and job-selling case

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Summary

A guarantees hearing that ran until 2:30 a.m. on Friday 23 October ended with 13 provisional detentions in Operation Credentials 2.0, the probe into alleged sale of teaching posts and forged academic degrees at the Ministry of Education. Chiriquí was among the provinces raided.

Details (summary of the article)

As reported by Mi Diario, the control-of-guarantees hearing in Operation Credentials 2.0 lasted until 2:30 a.m. on Friday 23 October. The judge ordered 13 provisional detentions, 7 house arrests, 2 weekly reporting orders and other lesser precautionary measures. The 23 people arrested include administrative staff, serving and former teachers and private individuals, detained after more than 25 simultaneous raids in Panamá Oeste, Chiriquí, Bocas del Toro, Veraguas and Los Santos. Prosecutors allege a criminal structure that negotiated public teaching posts irregularly and forged diplomas and certificates to accredit unqualified educators. Charges include corruption of public servants, document forgery, illegal practice of a profession, organised crime and money laundering. The operation follows the Credentials 1.0 phase launched on 26 August, and investigations remain open while evidence and forged documents are analysed.

Original (es)

Diplomas falsos y venta de plazas de trabajo: Tribunal dicta 13 detenciones provisionales tras maratónica audiencia

La diligencia judicial se extendió hasta la madrugada de este viernes, culminando con medidas cautelares para los imputados vinculados a la red que operaba en el Ministerio de Educación.