

New oncology and nuclear medicine centre opens at Bugaba hospital

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Summary

President Mulino inaugurated a Centre for Oncology and Nuclear Medicine at the Bugaba hospital in Chiriquí, and announced Panama will back IAEA chief Rafael Grossi's bid to become UN Secretary-General, partly in thanks for the agency's donation of one of the centre's accelerators.

Details (summary of the article)

Forbes Centroamérica reports that during the inauguration of a new Centre for Oncology and Nuclear Medicine at the Bugaba hospital in Chiriquí, President José Raúl Mulino announced Panama will vote for Argentine Rafael Grossi, head of the International Atomic Energy Agency, as the next UN Secretary-General. Mulino said the support is out of gratitude: one of the centre's two linear accelerators was donated by the IAEA after he raised the matter with Grossi in Davos. The centre matters for Chiriquí residents because cancer treatment has often required travel to Panama City. The UN race follows the end of António Guterres's term in late 2026; a non-binding Security Council straw poll put Costa Rica's Rebeca Grynspan ahead with nine votes, with Grossi second. Panama's foreign minister also met Grossi during the UN General Assembly in September.

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