

Panama and Germany discuss maritime security and Canal cooperation

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Summary

President Mulino met German Foreign Minister Johann Wadephul on 29 October to discuss maritime security, drug trafficking in the Atlantic and German interest in Panama Canal projects; the visit coincided with 60 tonnes of German earthquake aid.

Details (summary of the article)

La Prensa reports that President José Raúl Mulino received German Foreign Minister Johann Wadephul at the Palacio de las Garzas on Thursday 29 October. They discussed securing shipping routes, sharing intelligence against organized crime and drug trafficking across the Atlantic, and freedom of navigation. Wadephul praised Panama's role in world trade connectivity and said Germany wants to take part in strategic projects linked to the Panama Canal, adding that a German business delegation will visit soon to explore investments. The visit coincided with the arrival of 60 tonnes of humanitarian aid for communities hit by the 9 October earthquake: 1,000 water filters, 780 cooking sets, 900 tarpaulins, 512 blankets and 822 folding beds. It was the fourth official German approach to Panama in 2026; earlier contacts covered trade, security and infrastructure including a possible Panama-Chiriquí-border railway with Siemens participation. German President Steinmeier visited in March, the first German head of state visit in 75 years of relations.

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Panamá y Alemania abordan seguridad marítima y cooperación en el Canal

El ministro alemán señaló la importancia de Panamá como punto de conexión entre mercados internacionales y expresó el interés de su país en ampliar las oportunidades de negocios.