

Guide to Panama's November patriotic holidays

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Summary

News Boquete explains El Mes de la Patria: the meaning of 3, 4, 5, 10 and 28 November holidays, celebrated nationwide with parades, bands and traditional dress.

Full text (English)

November is El Mes de la Patria (Month of the Homeland), covering nearly all of Panama's major patriotic holidays. 3 November, Separation Day, marks Panama's separation from Colombia in 1903, after years of neglect, the rejection of the Hay-Herrán Treaty by Colombia's Congress on 12 August 1903, and US backing of the separatists, with the USS Nashville blocking Colombian troops; Colombia only settled matters with the Thomson-Urrutia Treaty of 1914. 4 November is National Symbols Day, honouring the flag, anthem and coat of arms; the first flag was designed and sewn by María de la Ossa de Amador, shown publicly on 3 November 1903 and formally adopted by Law 48 of 25 March 1925 (white for peace, blue and red quarters for the Conservative and Liberal parties, blue star for purity and honesty, red star for authority and law). 5 November is Colón Day, remembering how Colón's citizens stopped Colombian troops from crossing the isthmus by train, reportedly by plying them with drink and entertainment. 10 November recalls the First Cry of Independence in La Villa de Los Santos in 1821, led by figures such as Rufina Alfaro. 28 November marks independence from Spain in 1821, after a bloodless revolt led by José de Fábrega, with the Independence Act signed in Panama City and Panama then joining Gran Colombia. The whole country celebrates with music, parades, speeches, marching bands, traditional costumes and fireworks.