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# Environment Ministry halts earthworks in Alto Boquete

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## Summary

MiAMBIENTE ordered a stop to unauthorised land levelling on about 5,000 m² in Alto Boquete and seized oak timber and a chainsaw in Dos Ríos, Dolega, for lacking forestry permits, as reported by Crítica on 3 November 2026.

## Details (summary of the article)

According to the newspaper Crítica, the Ministry of Environment (MiAMBIENTE) stopped land-preparation work in Alto Boquete after finding cutting, filling and levelling over roughly 5,000 square metres that went beyond what the site's clearing permit allowed. When those responsible did not respond to officials, a stop-work order was drawn up with help from the Municipality of Boquete and National Police units. In a second operation in the Dos Ríos community of Dolega district, inspectors preventively seized 15 boards, two blocks and a log of oak plus a STIHL MS 661 chainsaw; the operator held a chainsaw licence but lacked logging and forest-use permits, so an administrative case was opened under Panama's Forestry Law. MiAMBIENTE stressed that a clearing permit does not authorise earth movement or other works beyond its scope. The ministry said patrols will continue at various points in Chiriquí throughout the patriotic holidays to detect activities harming natural resources. Landowners in Boquete planning site work should check that their permits cover what is actually being done.

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