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What happened on 3 November 1903

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Summary

La Prensa retells the events of Panama's separation from Colombia on 3 November 1903, marked as a national holiday today.

Details (summary of the article)

La Prensa recounts how, on 3 November 1903, between 400 and 500 Colombian soldiers of the Tiradores Battalion landed in Colón with orders to crush the separatist movement. Manuel Amador Guerrero, then 70, hurried through the Casco Antiguo at dawn to alert the conspirators, many of whom wanted to abandon the plan out of fear. His wife María Ossa devised the decisive trick: send the Colombian generals ahead to Panama City by train while the troops were held back in Colón. Generals Juan B. Tovar and Ramón G. Amaya were received in the capital with music and drink, then arrested on the order of General Esteban Huertas. With the generals jailed and the soldiers stranded, the conspirators gathered at the Hotel Central and paraded the new flag, sewn in secret by María Ossa and other women. Near midnight, after repelling a brief shelling by the Colombian gunboat Bogotá, the Municipal Council of Panama formally declared separation from Colombia and proclaimed the Republic of Panama.

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