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Following today's M7.7 [#Panama](#) [#Earthquake](#), in my interviews with [#SkyNews](#) and [#LBC](#), I explained why we do not expect a significant [#tsunami](#) for two main reasons:

(1) Most of the coseismic slip occurred on land (see the photo), meaning it displaced very little ocean water.

(2) The earthquake was a [#Strike_Slip](#) event, a type of fault movement that generally produces less vertical seafloor displacement and is therefore less effective at generating tsunamis.

We may still see small, localised [#oscillations](#) of water levels within nearby [#ports](#) and [#harbors](#).

Despite the limited tsunami potential, this powerful, [#shallow_earthquake](#) could cause significant damage to buildings, roads and [#infrastructure](#) near the epicentre.

Our thoughts are with everyone affected, and we pray for the safety and well-being of the impacted communities.

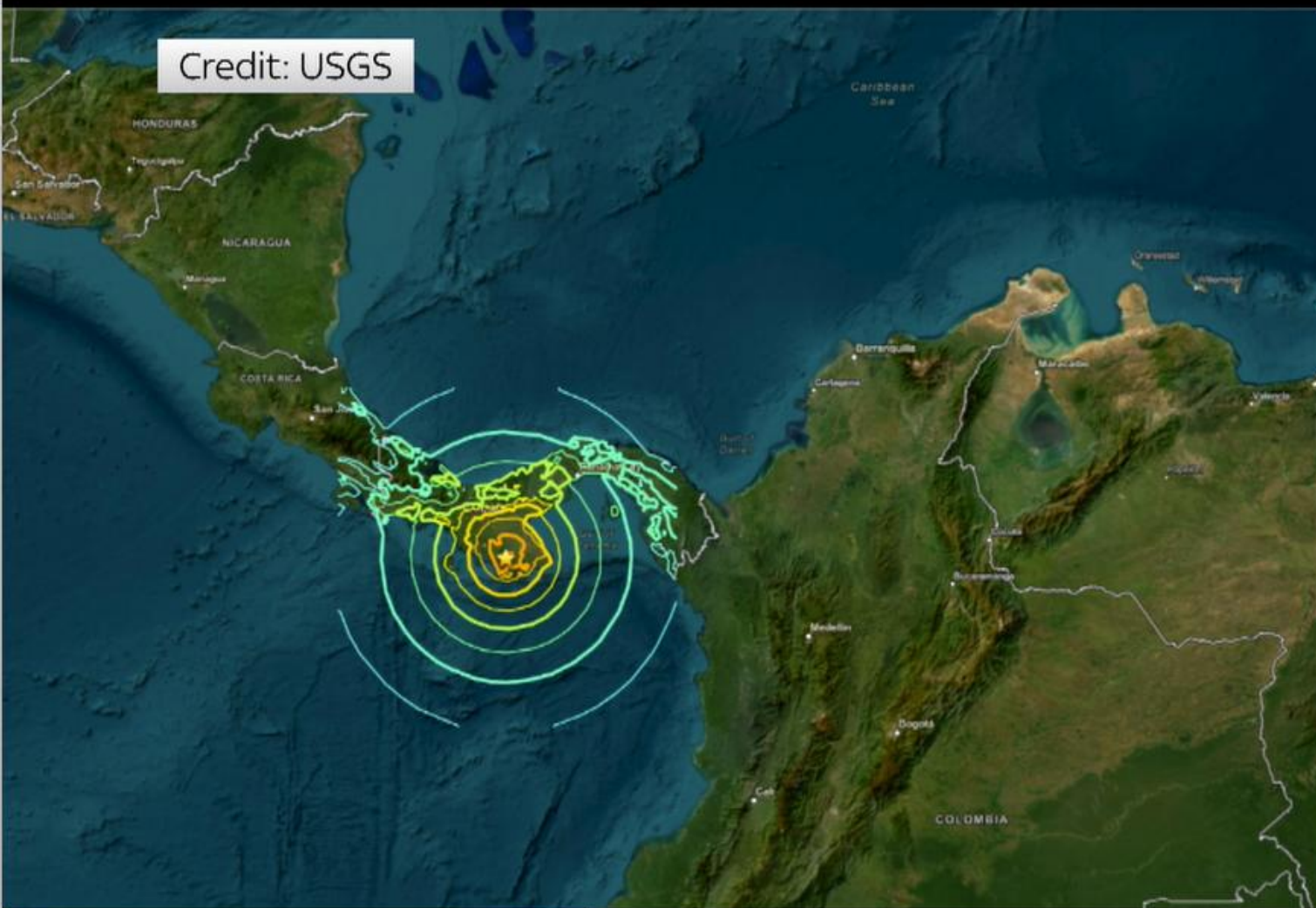
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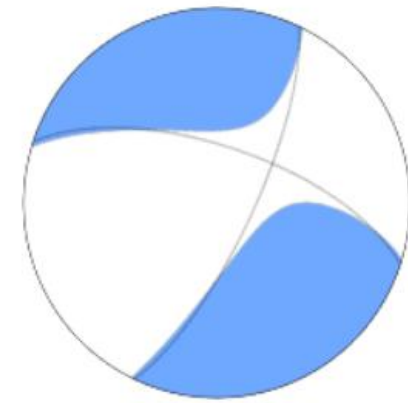
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M 7.7 - 12 km WSW of Pitaloza Arriba, Panama

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7.587°N 80.769°W

12.6 km depth



Fault Plane Solution

Most of coseismic slip is located inland

Strike-slip earthquake

