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## **Panama: Students Occupy Costa Rican Embassy & U.N. Office**

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On Oct. 1, 10 university and secondary students occupied the Costa Rican embassy and the UN office in Panama City, declaring a hunger strike until 6 p.m. local time. Spokesperson Luis Pinto said the action was a protest against the government's refusal to reinstate five students expelled from the National Institute about two months ago. In July, hundreds of students enrolled at the Institute the country's most well-known secondary school, organized a demonstration to demand equitable treatment and increased funding for education. The demonstration ended in violent confrontations with police. (Basic data from Notimex, 10/01/90)

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