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On Oct. 9, the Health Ministry's epidemiological department announced that 126 persons have died of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) since 1984 when the first cases were diagnosed in Panama. To date, 208 cases have been diagnosed, including 184 men and 24 women. Of the total, 148 became infected through sexual relations with the opposite sex, 76 through relations with persons of the same sex, and 30 acquired the virus through blood transfusion. According to Health Ministry officials, the number of reported AIDS cases has doubled each year. (Basic data from AFP, 10/09/90)

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