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On Feb. 7, Health Ministry officials reported that 208 of the 325 persons infected with Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) have died since the disease first appeared in Panama in 1985. Of the fatalities, 170 were men, and 38, women. According to the report, 76.6% of AIDS victims were infected via sexual relations. Of the total, 49% were identified as homosexual contact, and 41%, heterosexual. Next, 14% of AIDS victims were infected by contaminated blood, and 1.2%, infected before birth. Most AIDS victims, 74%, are between 20 and 44 years of age. (Basic data from Agence France-Presse, 02/07/92)

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