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**Summary:** Panama's new president has pledged to halt illegal immigration through the notorious Darién Gap and work with the US government as it seeks to limit arrivals at its southern border ahead of its presidential election. José Raúl Mulino, the right-wing leader who won the May vote, said in his inauguration speech on Monday that the country could no longer pay the economic and social costs associated with migration. "Panama will no longer be a transit country for illegals," he said, adding that migrants were being organised by "international groups related to drug trafficking and people smuggling".

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