

Military curfew partially lifted in Quito, Ecuadorean capital



Quito, October 13 (RHC)-- Anti-government protests kept up demonstrations Sunday despite a military curfew announced by President Lenin Moreno a day earlier. The curfew had been partially lifted between 11:30 am and 8:00 pm local time, however, some main and important roads are still blocked and some areas are under curfew.

The president's Decree 893 handed over the status of the existing national state of exception to the military. The military responded by limiting people's mobility across the country starting at 3:00 pm Saturday in "all sensitive and important areas" for 24 hours, or for however long the State of Exception lasts. Only the military or the president can decide for how long the curfew would last.

The Metropolitan Transit Agency of Quito (AMT) reported that six main roads are closed due to the curfew including the important Simon Bolivar Avenue. The historic center of Quito, the main area for mobilizations, a strict curfew is imposed with every main road being blocked. No mode of transportation is open including city transportation services like Ecovia and Trolebus.

After the curfew was imposed Saturday, there were reports of attacks on safe spaces for the Indigenous protesters -- like La Casa de la Cultura (the House of Culture), Pontificia Universidad Catolica del Ecuador (Pontifical Catholic University of Ecuador). However, an indigenous protester said Sunday morning that they were able to rest at the Casa de la Cultura.

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