

# *Attack against president of Conaie in Ecuador denounced*

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**According to Conaie, Iza Salazar was unharmed by the attack**

Quito, June 18 (RHC)-- The Confederation of Indigenous Nationalities of Ecuador (Conaie) denounced this Saturday that the president of his organization, Leonidas Iza Salazar, suffered an attack when he was parking his vehicle, fortunately he was unharmed.

"They shot at the vehicle of our organization in which our president Leonidas Iza was traveling, hitting the front window while he was stopped. He is fine," reported the indigenous organization of Ecuador.

According to Conaie, these events occurred when the Executive led by Guillermo Lasso has decreed a state of emergency, intensifying the repression against protesters, "we alert this in the context of the state of emergency and the belligerent attitude of the Government," they said.

It should be recalled that last June 15, the president of the Conaie was released after being imprisoned for 24 hours in the province of Cotopaxi (center), where he joined the protest organized by the indigenous organization and other popular sectors to reject the neoliberal measures of the Government of Guillermo Lasso.

Leonidas Iza Salazar was accused by the Ecuadorian Police and the Ministry of Interior of allegedly inciting the resurgence of violence, while indigenous sectors rejected the statements and pressured for the release of the Conaie president.

However, despite the fact that Guillermo Lasso decreed a state of emergency, Conaie ratified that it will continue with the national strike in order to be attended by the Executive to put an end to the neoliberal policies that affect the wellbeing of the people.

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