

Strike ends in Ecuador after CONAIE-Government dialogue and agreement



Dialogue between CONAIE and representatives of the Ecuadorian government, Quito, June 30, 2022. | Photo: teleSUR

Quito, June 30 (RHC)-- After 18 days of an uninterrupted national strike, the Confederation of Indigenous Nationalities of Ecuador (CONAIE) declared an end to the protests after reaching an agreement with representatives of President Guillermo Lasso's administration.

As reported at a press conference held from the Ecuadorian Episcopal Conference in Quito, the parties would have reached the following agreements:

* All governors must intensify control operations to prevent and eradicate price speculation.

- * The national government declares the health system in an emergency.
- * Compensatory public policies will be promulgated for the rural and urban sectors.
- * The price of gasoline is reduced by US \$.15 cents per gallon. As a result of this decision, the price of gasoline will be US\$2.40 and the price of diesel will be US\$1.75.
- * The Lasso administration is committed to repealing Decree 95, which reduced the State's participation in oil activities and promoted international bidding processes for oil fields.
- * Authorities will reform Decree 151, which is related to mining activity in protected environmental areas, intangible zones, archaeological zones, and water sources. The reform is expected to include provisions to ensure that communities are consulted before mining projects are implemented in those territories.
- * The Lasso administration is committed to repealing the "State of Emergency" as the situation in the territories involved begins to return to normal.
- * Issues pending resolution will be dealt with in a dialogue process in the next 90 days.

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