

Alleged CIA spying plot on Rafael Correa revealed



?Rafael Correa with former Uruguayan President Jose "Pepe" Mujica

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Quito, July 23 (RHC)-- A Spanish security company reportedly used its equipment to spy on the former president of Ecuador, Rafael Correa, at the request of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), according to various international media sources.

The investigation revealed that UC Global, which provided its services to the Ecuadorian Embassy in London, contained files in the computer of the company's owner, former military officer David Morales, of listening to conversations of Correa with leaders of the region such as Brazil's Lula da Silva, Argentina's Cristina Fernandez and Uruguay's Jose Mujica.

UC Global would have executed espionage orders given by the CIA from the United States and it took place when Correa had already left the presidency of Ecuador in 2018.

It was also known that the wiretaps would have been offered to then Ecuadorian president Lenín Moreno, after his estrangement with Rafael Correa and the expulsion of the Australian journalist Julian Assange from the embassy in London, which occurred in 2019.

Morales had been hired by Correa's government to be in charge of the security of that diplomatic headquarters, where Assange was taking refuge. The ex-military would have commissioned his staff to spy on the WikiLeaks founder's meetings with his lawyers; but he also kept an eye on the Ecuadorian president.

The investigation also reveals that Morales would have spied on Correa's two daughters through computer viruses installed on their phones in 2014, when the Ecuadorian leader was still in government and while the girls were studying in France.

Precisely in 2020, Rafael Correa filed a complaint against Morales that was admitted by the Audiencia Nacional and incorporated into the case in which the alleged spying on Assange was already being investigated.

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