

# *Former Ecuadorian foreign minister warns about Jorge Glas' health condition*

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Mexico City, April 15 (RHC)-- Former foreign minister of Ecuador, Ricardo Patiño, warned about the importance of taking care of the lives of innocent people like the former Vice President Jorge Glas, and called the attention of the governments of the world, particularly those of Latin America, to talk to their Ecuadorian counterparts about the case.

In an interview with teleSUR, Patiño said that the health condition of the former vice president is delicate, after he was kidnapped from the Mexican Embassy in Quito. "His (Glas') life is in danger. This is very important."

"Governments should tell their Ecuadorian counterpart: no longer continue to trample the laws, especially take care of the life of an innocent man like Jorge Glas.

"In all the cases in which Glas is accused, it has already been demonstrated that the former vice president is innocent. There is no doubt about that," he said.

Patinó pointed out that there is an evident persecution of Ecuadorian authorities against Glas. "Even our political adversaries assure that the former vice president is innocent", but the country's ultra-right is adverse to any sign of progressivism.

"Ecuadorian justice at this moment is in the street before this latest event, it is a barbarism, as former President Rafael Correa says. There is no justice. It is a persecution against Correa's government. The law mopping the floor with the International Conventions."

"This government (of President Daniel Noboa) trampled all the conventions, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Vienna Convention, the Convention on Diplomatic Asylum."

Patino, who was one of the main figures of the Government of former President Rafael Correa, Mexico granted him asylum in 2019 due to the political persecution he was suffering in his country.

"I arrived in April to Mexico and I asked the Government to grant me the quality of refugee for political reasons and they just gave it to me. On September 2, Mexico recognized that I am a politically persecuted person of Lenín Moreno, which I am very grateful for," Patiño said on that occasion.

Now Patiño accuses the ultra-right of wanting to erase any vestige of Correa's government, and the progressive elements that today fight in Ecuador for democracy, freedom and economic development of the people. He recalled that during the administration of Correa, who served as president of Ecuador for three successive terms, from January 15, 2007 to May 24, 2017, efforts were made to benefit society and avoid government corruption.

Correa put at bay the sectors that lived off the Ecuadorian state, which took the country's resources, such as oil, and now do not want to leave the benefits.

In the interview, Patiño commented on the serious crime problem in Ecuador and that there is no need to bring the U.S. army to the country when there are already police and armed forces that should be coordinated.

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