

Three Latin American Countries Join Fight Against Crime



Lima, June 10 (Andina-RHC) -- Peru, Mexico and Colombia seek closer cooperation among immigration agencies to combat organized crime at airports and international borders, Peruvian Deputy Foreign Minister Fernando Rojas said.

The three countries, members of the Pacific Alliance (PA) free-trading bloc along with Chile, work together to control the flow of people, upgrade their equipment and have real-time information on people sought by judicial authorities and the police, said the deputy foreign minister.

"Peru is working closely with Immigration authorities and Foreign Ministry officials of both countries to establish a more technological control and a real-time cooperation to prevent the entry of crime" he told Andina News Agency.

According to Rojas, this cooperation will help Peru control the flow of citizens of these countries, and the system will be particularly useful when visa-free travel within EU's Schengen zone comes into effect for Peruvian citizens.

"We must prevent the misuse of this migratory arrangement," he added.

The 9th Pacific Alliance Summit, which brings together presidents of the four countries, will take place in Mexico on June 19-20, and Peruvian President Ollanta Humala has confirmed his attendance.

The Pacific Alliance is made up of the fastest-growing economies in the region, namely Chile, Colombia, Mexico and Peru, representing 50 percent of regional trade and a potential market of 212 million people.

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