

Indigenous people announce protests due to economic crisis in Ecuador

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The reduction of fuel prices and fair prices for agricultural products are some of the demands of the natives. | Photo: RT

Quito, June 13 (RHC)-- The indigenous community of Ecuador is returning to the streets on Monday to demand economic transformations in the country, after months of unsuccessful dialogues with the Government.

"Those of us who feel the weight (of) the crisis, high prices of products, those of us who produce, take care of the family economy and nature join," stated the Confederation of Indigenous Nationalities of Ecuador (Conaie) on its official twitter profile.

Conaie indicated that the National Mobilization will start with a document of ten demands, among which are the "reduction and no more increase in fuel prices" and "fair prices for rural products" such as milk, rice, bananas and potatoes.

They are also asking for jobs and labor rights and the allocation of a budget to supply hospitals due to the lack of medicines and health personnel. The curbing of crime, drug trafficking, kidnappings and violence in general is also part of CONAIE's ten demands.

For his part, Ecuador's Interior Minister pointed out that this demonstration "in practice, is a week of blocked highways and oil wells, kidnappings of police and military, looting, etc."

The president of Conaie, Leonidas Iza, described the ministerial declaration as "very serious" since it announces in advance "the repression that will be carried out against the civilian population."

Conaie has actively participated in revolts that have led to the deposition of three Ecuadorian presidents and in 2019 led marches that resulted in the death of several citizens.

The indigenous population of Ecuador, represented by Conaie, exceeds one million and is mostly engaged in agricultural activities.

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