

President of Ecuador announces changes in his Cabinet

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The changes respond to civilian demands during the recent national strike that ended last June 30. | Photo: @Presidencia_Ec

Quito, July 5 (RHC)-- The president of Ecuador, Guillermo Lasso, will announce this Tuesday ministerial and institutional transformations in his Cabinet following the demands of protesters in the recent national strike.

The Secretary of Public Administration, Ivan Correa, previously stated that "there are some changes, necessary that go beyond what happened during the strike. In order to be able to advance in things that have been left in the pipeline".

It is presumed that the Minister of Economy and Finance, Simon Cueva, and the Minister of Public Health, Ximena Garzon, will be among the outgoing ministers. Both ministries were criticized during the recent

18-day national strike that multiple demonstrators staged to demand governmental restructurings to the Government.

In the health sector, the population demanded the supply of medicines and the release of a larger budget for the health sector, which was severely affected by the pandemic. At the economic level, moratoriums were requested on the debts of some four million households that suffered the impact of Covid-19 on the family economy.

Other demands dealt with the international logistic crisis, inflation and the granting of credits for fuel, as well as the reduction of its prices.

As part of the agreements which ended the national strike in the country, it was agreed to reduce by 15 cents the gallon of Extra and Ecopaís gasoline and diesel and 50 percent of the price of urea in agriculture.

The president, at the end of the strike, called to "rebuild the country" to transform the peace that the country has achieved into "progress, welfare and peace opportunities for all".

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