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Rivadeneira: Justice is Being Manipulated Against Rafael Correa

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"An enormous challenge has arrived; the manipulation of the justice system with the payment of political favors is evident," Rivadeneira said. Leader of the Citizens' Revolution movement, and former leader of the National Assembly of Ecuador, Gabriela Rivadeneira, has said that the justice system is being manipulated to wage a political war against former President Rafael Correa and the movement he led.

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"The hardest hit is the effort to diminish, de-legitimize, not only the leader of the Citizens' Revolution, but an entire project that began from below, that had strength for ten years, that had made itself one of the biggest political forces of our day. This is what they want to end through judicial processes because they can't arrive to power through the popular vote," Rivadeneira said in an interview with teleSUR's Enclave Política.

Rivadeneira, a key Correa ally, said that the current government has reversed the gains of the Correa administration.

"It's been thirteen months since the government changed, and in thirteen months we have seen a backstep in national policy in economic terms, social terms, and sovereignty," she said. "The economic elite of Ecuador have taken the public debate once again, through control of media corporations, and of the mouthpieces for the current government."

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She also affirmed that Ecuador already has one political prisoner, Jorge Glas, regarding whom they "still have not presented a single bit of evidence that would demonstrate that he was indeed implicated in the crimes they claim."

Ecuadorean lawyer Eduardo Franco Llor was invited to the discussion, where he pointed out that "there is no part of the conviction that determines that Rafael Correa was a participant, author, or accomplice (to said crime)."

"Rafael Correa has every right to request international protection... as a citizen that is being politically persecuted by his government."

Ecuador's chief prosecutor requested a preventive detention of Correa for supposed involvement in a kidnapping, charges which he vehemently denies and says there is no evidence for.

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