

Ecuadorean President Rafael Correa Fires Military High Command

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Ecuador's President Rafael Correa announced he has dismissed military high command, who the leader accused of trying to manipulate soldiers.

"With much pain I've had to dismiss high command ... We will not allow anyone to manipulate soldiers or the country," Correa said via Twitter.

The heads of Ecuador's armed forces allegedly overcharged for land they sold to the Ministry of the Environment to the tune of some US\$41 million.

When the Correa administration confronted the leaders about it, asking for a refund, the head of the Joint Command of the Armed Forces, Luis Garzon, accused the government of depriving the military of money, especially for pensions.

Correa confirmed in his tweets that the military pensions are guaranteed by the constitution.

The military heads were coming to the end of their two-year tenure in April.

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