

Latin America and Caribbean to Assist Stranded Migrants in Asia



Quito, May 18 (teleSUR-RHC)-- Ecuadorean President Rafael Correa announced on Saturday that the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC) will provide assistance to the thousands of Asian immigrants stranded off the coast of Thailand.

“This world is crazy, it shows a total disregard for human life to have people stranded on a boat, dying of starvation without being allowed to get off the boat,” President Correa stated during his weekly presidential address.

Correa also noted, “If the problem continues then we will provide our total support including food supplies as well as CELAC welcoming those impacted by the crisis in order to alleviate the tragedy that is taking place.” The Ecuadorean leader later urged the entire international community to ban discriminatory immigration policies.

In recent weeks, several South East Asian countries including, Thailand, Indonesia and Malaysia have turned away boats carrying thousands of Muslim Rohingya migrants fleeing the intense persecution against their community in the Buddhist-majority Myanmar.



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