

# *Headquarters of Ecuador's Ruling Party Bombed*

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Quito, July 14 (teleSUR-RHC)-- The headquarters of the ruling PAIS Alliance party in the coastal city of Guayaquil, Ecuador's largest city, was damaged in a bomb attack late Monday.

Police and firefighters responded to the scene at approximately 10:40 p.m Monday evening. The bombing only resulted in damage to building, no people were injured. The bomb was strong enough to damage the concrete wall and sent debris into the adjacent street.

Police did not release details regarding possible motives or suspects. Tensions in the South American country have been high since the government of Rafael Correa introduced two bills aimed at redistributing wealth and improving inequality in the country. After weeks of violent protests, President Correa opted to temporarily withdraw the bills in order to hold a nationwide debate about the aims of the bills and the direction of the country.

The political opposition has largely rejected the president's calls for dialogue, choosing to engage in streets protests instead, some of which have turned violent.

Viviana Bonilla, the Ecuadorean national secretary for political management, responded to the bombing on her Twitter account, saying: "Through dialogue everything, through force nothing. We should all reject violence."



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