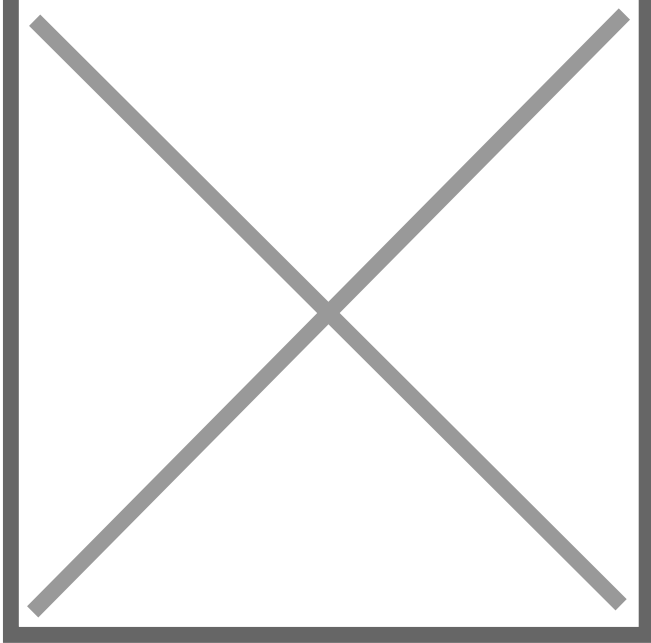


Colombian President Gustavo Petro denounces right-wing plot against him

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Bogota, September 3 (RHC)-- Colombia's President Gustavo Petro has denounced that the right-wing opposition and wealthy Spanish businessmen are planning ways to overthrow him. His statements were made during a meeting with victims of the armed conflict and signatories of the Peace Accords in the municipality of Carmen de Bolivar, where Petro recalled that Colombian history records episodes that led to decades of violence.

Faced with the possibility that the Colombian extreme right seeks to structure a "soft coup," Petro called on the social groups that contributed to his victory in 2022 to remain vigilant. "The peasants, the youth, the workers know what they have to do," the Colombian president said during an event in which he handed over land to peasant families.

Petro urged conservative conspirators to abandon their strategy, reminding them of the political costs of historical events such as the bombing of peasant cooperatives and the assassination of presidential candidate Jorge Eliécer Gaitán in 1948.

The Colombian president defended his agrarian reform program and stressed that the owners of unproductive large estates do not want to abide by the constitutional provisions that state that land should have a social function.

On previous occasions, Petro has also denounced the possibility of a "soft coup" against him orchestrated by right-wing businessmen, politicians and journalists.

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