

Ecuador's Correa Criticizes US Double Standard on Latin America



Quito, April 13 (teleSUR-RHC) The contradictory actions by U.S. President Barack Obama in Latin America are incoherent, Ecuadorean President Rafael Correa told teleSUR, in an exclusive interview.

In the wake of the Summit of the Americas that took place on Friday and Saturday, the Ecuadorean leader pointed out that the U.S. government was trying to reestablish relations with Cuba whilst at the same time attacking Venezuela through a decree labeling it a threat.

"We were all very pleased to see the reconciliation of the U.S. with Cuba" Correa explained, though he criticized ongoing policies saying the U.S. "blockade is completely illegal. Guantanamo is an occupation". However, he added that "after receiving that good news" on Cuba "we have the executive order declaring Venezuela a danger for the United States, which is a prelude to invasions."

"They pulled the same thing with the invasions here in Panama, a tremendous injustice, tremendous interventionism. This summit should be celebratory, Obama should be received as the historic president who repaired relations with Latin America. But for that historical error, that absurd, arrogant, imperialist order, everything was lost," Correa explained.

The Ecuadorean head of state said that the demand made to the U.S. to withdraw the executive order against Venezuela is not only an act of solidarity with the South American country, but also a demand that do abide by international law, prohibiting interference in internal affairs of other countries. “So this isn't about asking a favor of President Obama, that he takes down that ridiculous order, it's about now starting to respect international law and the coexistence of mutual respect between fellow countries,” he said.

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