

# **INTERNATIONAL DENUNCIATION OF THE ATTEMPT TO ASSASSINATE LEONIDAS IZA SALAZAR, LEADER OF THE INDIGENOUS MOVEMENT OF ECUADOR.**

[Two years ago Ecosocialist Scotland had the privilege of supporting Leonidas Iza Salazar and his comrades during a visit to Scotland as part of a wider series of visits across Europe. The shocking news that an attempt has been made on his life has filled us with anger and a renewed spirit of solidarity with both Leonidas Iza himself and with the struggle of the indigenous peoples of Ecuador which he has championed. We reproduce below an English text of an statement issued in Spanish denouncing the attempt on Leonidas' life and registering on-going support with him. We would encourage all our friends and comrades to sign the statement which is available [here](#)]

The undersigned indigenous organizations of Abya Yala, trade union groups, social movements, political organizations, human rights defenders, feminist movements, student, environmental and alternative communication organizations and personalities defending social justice; we strongly reject the attempted assassination of the leader Leonidas Iza Salazar, leader of the Indigenous Movement of Ecuador. We denounce at the international level that these acts of persecution, surveillance and harassment directed against comrade Leonidas Iza, former president of CONAIE, are part of a plan that constitutes a State policy backed by the Intelligence Law of the national government of Daniel Noboa to restrict democratic freedoms and the legitimate right to protest.

In Ecuador and many parts of the world we are witnessing an offensive of great calamities and injustices against the popular majorities. The flip side of the neoliberal plan is the solidarity of the peoples, breaking the media siege and achieving the broadest unity in defence of our most elementary

rights. Leonidas you are not alone.

## FIRST SIGNATURES

Argentine Association of Jurists- Argentina./Association  
American Association of Jurists-Continental./Association  
American Jurists, Ecuador Branch./Indigenous Women by CIARENA-  
Mexico./Consortium Oaxaca- Mexico./Evita Movement-  
Argentina./Kurdistan Women's Movement in Abya Yala, Latin  
America./CTA autonomous- Argentina./Amazon Commune-  
Ecuador./Front of organizations in struggle-  
Argentina./National Movement of Scientists Simón Bolívar  
(MOCIENSO)- Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela Venezuela./FTS-  
UNLP- Argentina./University of Oxford-United Kingdom./CADTM-  
Belgium./Association of University Students of Haina (Aseuha)  
Dominican Republic./Handkerchiefs in Rebeldía-  
Argentina./Coordinadora de las Organizaciones de los Pueblos  
Indigenous People of Quito-COIQ-Ecuador./Observatory of Human  
Rights and nature – Pacayacu – Lago Agrio-Ecuador./Ecumenical  
Movement for the Human Rights – Quilmes Memory, Truth and  
Justice Collective-Argentina./CONULP – National Unified  
Committee of Struggle of Peru./Anticapitalist resistance-Gran  
Brittany./Ecosocialist Scotland-Scotland./Multisectorial  
Federal of the Republic Argentina./Eloy Alfaro Institute for  
Democracy-Mexico./Medical Society International of the ELAM-  
Ecuador./Quinto Suyu Switzerland-Peru- Switzerland./Support  
for the Kitu Kara People-Ecuador./Central University and  
Amawtay Wasi University- Ecuador./France Amérique Latine-  
France./Frutos de Nuestra Tierra-Ecuador./AMPDE- Ecuador./PTS  
– DAUGHTERS- Argentina./New Meeting-Argentina./Center  
Intercultural Kapak-Ecuador./AGD UBA press secretary-  
Argentina./Assembly Popular of the Puna-Argentina./Network of  
women politicians-Ecuador./Networking-Ecuador./School  
Permanent PRAIS-Chile./Eloy Alfaro Plurinational Association-  
Ecuador./Commune PRO-Ecuador./Fundación Kapak-  
Ecuador./APEGCEA-Ecuador./Association. Argentina Uruguayan

ecological economy-Argentina./ANKU native rights-  
Argentina./Whitman College USA.France Amérique Latine-  
France./Comité Daniel Gillard pour les Droits humains et de la  
Nature. Belgium/Marea Socialista and co-founder of  
Aporrea.org/ Other Voices in Education Venezuela,  
Brazil/.Ecosocialist Scotland-Scotland/Feminist Assembly of  
Latin Americans/Elam- Colombia/Community Communication  
Infórmate Pueblo- Ecuador/AnticapitalistasMiguel Urban Crespo-  
Spanish State/COMUNA CHAMI- Ecuador/Comunidad Shuar Consuelo  
Severino Samuel Sharupi Tapuy-Ecuador/UCIA- Ecuador/Supporting  
Ecuador and University of Utrecht-Ecuador/ Agroecological  
Network of the Austro- Ecuador.