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## 'US behind coup attempt in Ecuador'



Gloria La Riva

**Gloria La Riva of the Party for Socialism and Liberation, which is based in the United States, says that the recent coup attempt in Ecuador was definitely organized by the US.**

She made the remarks in an interview with the Fars news agency published on Friday.

"Without a doubt, the United States was behind the coup in Ecuador," La Riva asserted

And "the details of the United States' involvement in the recent coup attempt in Ecuador will come to light with the passing of time," she added.

La Riva was a member of the Workers World Party for many years and was the party's vice presidential candidate in 1984, 1988, 1996, and 2000.

She also ran for governor of California in 1994 and 1998 as the Peace and Freedom Party candidate.

In addition, she was the Party for Socialism and Liberation's candidate in the 2008 US presidential election.

La Riva is also a volunteer organizer for A.N.S.W.E.R (Act Now to Stop War and End Racism).

The recent coup attempt in Ecuador, where certain military figures tried to overthrow the Ecuadorian government, was backed by the US government, La Riva stated.

La Riva said that the United States tried to renew the lease for its military base in the city of Manta, but Ecuadorean President Rafael Correa rejected the proposal.

The US wanted to renew the lease for the base to increase its military presence in the Latin American country, she opined.

La Riva said the US is attempting to use its military presence in Latin America to counter 'rebel' countries like Venezuela and Cuba, but Correa's rebuff caused the US to lose some of its influence in Ecuador.

In response to the recent events in Ecuador, US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton did not take sides with the coup plotters, unlike the situation in Venezuela in April 2002, when the US sided with the coup plotters but was defeated when Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez returned to power, she noted.

La Riva praised the Ecuadorian people and expressed satisfaction that the people of Ecuador, just like the people of Venezuela, thwarted an attempt to carry out a military coup.

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**Jamshed kharian-pak**

10/4/2010 6:01:33 AM

Ecuador a peacefull peoples must let tranquille they are good with neighbors how a far flang Country-USA come to disturb them, usa deemed to fail every where do not let them military base in your land bravo

**La Luz**

10/4/2010 2:50:00 AM

As 'proof' for those unbelievers, the US embassy in Ecuador was eager to send their representatives to the various places in Ecuador where expats reside in large numbers, to go over plans for emergency preparedness...this just early last week. Ecuador has been a stable, quiet country for the last few years, and this came as a surprise for we were not expecting any 'emergencies', but they knew.

**Archie1954**

10/3/2010 7:53:00 PM

What is so unfortunate about the comments made in this article is that they are truly believable. A lepoard doesn't change its spots and the US has been caught many times attempting to overthrow democratically elected governments because they don't agree with them.

**David Harris**

10/3/2010 4:54:53 PM

It's easy to believe that the U.S. is behind the recent events in Equador, but reckless to make such a claim without evidence. For Northamerican peace activists especially, it is important to be factually correct in order to remain credible.Sincerely, David Harris, VFP CH 115, Red Wing, MN

**maddave**

10/3/2010 4:10:13 PM

If history counts for anything, it entirely possible that the USA had a hand in the recent Ecuadorian attempted coup, but the signature precursors to our handiwork were missing. Ecuador's current government was not demonized widely in the media and there was no casus belli announced, bemoaned & pursued by our career bureaucrats. The most telling factor, however, is that if we were instigating a coup, traditionally reliable propaganda outlets such as FOX News, NY Times, Wall Street Journal would surely have been brought into play . . . but they weren't. Although an easy target and certainly not staffed with choirboys, the CIA isn't ALWAYS at the bottom of such shenanigans - they aren't that efficient. Consequently, we need more facts before arriving at a valid conclusion.

**Paco**

10/3/2010 1:36:53 PM

Sad to see the opinion of a former candidate to the US vicepresidency, the idea that the US is responsible for all political turmoil in the continent is nonsense. Perhaps she believes that the CIA was behind the coup attempts in Ecuador in the past decades by using people for the political left to overthrow governments from the right. That is insulting for left of this country.

**Verdad**

10/2/2010 12:05:21 PM

The coup in Venezuela was in April 2002...please rectify.Thanks

**Ola, Sweden**

10/2/2010 7:27:55 AM

This is definately an act of the CIA. No doubt about it. Read "Confessions of an Economic Hit Man" by John Perkins and you will understand.

**More To Come**

10/2/2010 6:39:05 AM

There are many more attempts of coupes throughout the world to topple "free" countries' leaders yet to come.CIA is loaded with cash. They redirected 45 Billion Dollars from the Iraq and Afghanistan wars to CIA. Previously they had to work hard to get a few Million from drug monies and printing counterfeits.Now CIA had tens of Billions to continue their barbaric terrorism throughout the world.

**Aiyana**

10/2/2010 5:41:00 AM

the americans have no integrity and is soon to collapse.. just like the twin towers, in its own ground; and what similarity, self demolition!"When a country has something to hide, it means its afraid of being caught" G.W.Bush

**The Mouse**

10/2/2010 5:21:43 AM

The key word in this article is "opined".

**Ken**

10/2/2010 4:12:26 AM

9/11 was a professional demolition. How people can still believe 2 planes, which only caused upper floor damage to one side of 2 buildings and a laughable 60-90 minutes of office fires, can then completely demolish (3) buildings at

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freefall speeds through 100[[]%] intact steel below is intellectually sad. It is very hard for some of us to live in a country with such ignorance.

**US is biggest Enemy of Democracy**

10/2/2010 3:43:58 AM

They played key role in toppling democratically elected governments in Chile and proping up dictator Pinocet, They toppled people's government in poor country like Haiti, They topled government in Honduras, They almost toppled government in Bolivia.They were behind post election violence in Iran. They toppled democratic government in Iran in 1950's to bring Monarchy and so was the case all over the world. So without any doubt US is biggest enemy of democracy all over the developing world. They just want their puppet to rule each and every country so they can plunder and loot resources of all developing and even poor countries. They have no shame and continue with their evil. It is a wake up call for not only Latin America but the whole world to be vigilant with US designs.

10/2/2010 3:24:18 AM

The world needs to be careful, the USA is in debt and is a collapsing empire and it would not hesitate to destroy a country in order to slow down it demise.

**NONSENSE....**

10/2/2010 3:19:32 AM

THIS IS JUST OPINION..DONT MAKE IT TRUE...ANYONE CAN SAY ANYTHING ABOUT ANYBODY...LETS SEE SOME PROOF INSTEAD...

**Saeed**

10/2/2010 3:07:20 AM

CIA just does not quit; does it? What I find interesting is how difficult it is getting for them to do their dirty work these days with no success. In the old times, it used to be like drinking a glass of water but not any more. Obviously people in these countries are waking up to the reality of attempts by US to destroy their democracies for the benefit of America's corporations.

**The West**

10/2/2010 3:03:58 AM

Bunk! This person is a crackpot and known drug user. Details of this will come out as time passes.

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I wish my country would grow up and behave itself so warnings like 9/11 would not be necessary

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