

**Embassy of India**  
**Bogota**  
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**ADVISORY FOR INDIAN NATIONALS IN ECUADOR**

Ecuador has seen a surge in violence this week. The country faces an unprecedented security crisis after Adolfo Macias, leader of a criminal gang, escaped from the prison in the city of Guayaquil, where he was serving a 34-year sentence. Unrest broke out on streets and uprisings have taken place in several prisons. After numerous acts of violence perpetrated by organized criminal groups across Ecuador against private, public, and government institutions, President Noboa declared the existence of an internal armed conflict and authorized military action against criminal groups. Explosions, burning vehicles, looting and gunfire were also reported across the country.

To tackle the crisis, government of President Daniel Noboa declared 60-day nationwide emergency, enabling military patrols, including in prisons, and setting a national nighttime curfew. Indian citizens traveling to or from the airport for a scheduled flight should carry their flight itinerary. The state of emergency includes a nationwide curfew from 11 pm to 5 am, with exceptions for certain essential workers and individuals traveling to and from airports with a scheduled flight during curfew hours.

Indians living in Ecuador and traveling to Ecuador are advised to exercise caution. The Embassy of India in Bogota is monitoring reports of criminal activity and other threats to safety and security of Indian citizens in Ecuador.

Please keep in mind the following points:

- Avoid venturing out and follow curfew timings.
- Monitor official communications from the Government of Ecuador for additional information and updates to the State of Emergency.
- Monitor credible media sources for accurate information on current threats and violent activity.
- avoid unnecessary travel to zones with high incidence of violence/disturbance.

- be attentive to reputed local news channels/sources, do not believe in every message you receive.
- Use known/dependable taxi service or taxi service provided by the hotel where you are staying or Uber.
- keep a few days fresh/packed groceries at your home/hotel.
- carry the amount of cash you need and a little extra, in small denominations of 5-10 dollar bills, do not carry 100 dollar bills
- always carry your local ID/copy of passport with you
- Indian citizens traveling to or from the airport for a scheduled flight should carry their flight itinerary
- if staying at a hotel keep the hotel card with address and telephone numbers with you
- register with your address, mail ID and telephone number with the Embassy of India or India Ecuador chamber of commerce ([sseth@camaraecuadorindia.org](mailto:sseth@camaraecuadorindia.org) )
- ask for local emergency contact numbers from your hotel (ECU 911 )

**Assistance:** For any assistance, Indian nationals may contact the Embassy of India in Bogota at the following contact details:

- Embassy of India, Bogota  
+(57)6373502/6373259 Ext.120 or 6373451  
+(57) 3142933554 (after office hours or in Emergency)  
Email- [consular.bogota@mea.gov.in](mailto:consular.bogota@mea.gov.in) , [pcc.bogota@mea.gov.in](mailto:pcc.bogota@mea.gov.in)

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