



2009: Fuera! Lluishi Kaimanta! Go Home Yankee!

“Ecuador is a territory of peace. It will not permit the establishment of foreign military bases, nor foreign installations that with the propositions of becoming military bases. It prohibits the yielding of national military bases to foreign armed or security forces.”

(Constitution of the Republic of Ecuador, 2008. Article 5)

In 2009, the Ecuadorian territory will be free of foreign military presence. The base that is located in Manta, utilizing the Ecuadorian installation with the aim as a logistical and military base for foreign forces, in this case, the United States, must leave.

The exiting of the foreign base will be the expiration to an illegitimate agreement written by the social-Christian government lacking respect for the current constitutional norms that were agreed upon and approved by Congress.

The Gringo base will close because the president, Correa, understood and assumed in his governmental plan, the termination of the harmful agreement that has been revoked since the signing of the social and human rights movements.

The Americans will be leaving because the majority of the Ecuadorian population said “yes” to the New Constitution that recognizes and guarantees the national sovereignty, among other things, prohibiting that foreign military boots, from whichever country they may be, will not walk upon any location within our territory.

The exiting of the Gringo military base will be motivation to celebrate. The day the last American soldier leaves Manta and every piece of this territory will be passed into the control of Ecuador, one will have to celebrate, breathing in the air free of American military airplanes, adoring the sovereign land free of foreign footsteps that violate, sitting on the beach looking out to the horizon, conscious of the fact that nobody, beyond ourselves, should care for this land.

It will be an important event for the year to come. One must go and prepare the festive foods to celebrate along with the town bands and celebratory traditions.

The celebration will be necessary because it will be the fruit of a fight organized by popular organizations, indigenous and country people, women and the youth. With the support of solidarity sister organizations from all corners of the globe, this immense uprising of our voices and the cry for dignity against foreign presence has been heard.

The celebration must also be had due to the fact that we must remember that the conquest of one’s right is not a gift from any government or from any president. The true artifice of the exiting of the base in Manta is the organized people and their uprising and rising of their voices while exercising their right to sovereignty, peace and liberty.

The compromise of the government for the exiting of the gringos from Manta clearly explains and supports the demands brought forth by the social uprising that has been coming about for the past decade, from the time the first Gringo set foot in Ecuador with their pretenses and camouflaged objectives.

It is a necessary celebration because all the rights of the community represented in the cities and the country are pending; they will be conquered by themselves: a risen voice and organized action has never been nor will be the gift from any government.