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An expansive investigation by Colombia's Attorney General's Office into Ricardo Roa Barragan, the previous campaign manager for President Gustavo Petro's campaign and current head of **Ecopetrol**, is underway, following allegations of financial misconduct during the presidential campaign of the Historic Pact coalition. On December 19, a local newspaper reported that the Consejo Nacional Electoral (National Electoral Council) has ordered a comprehensive suite of at least a dozen tests to examine the campaign's financial records.

### **Investigation Focuses on Businessman Tied to President's Son's Legal Case**

Key to the investigation is the summons of Euclides Torres, a businessman with alleged ties to the case against Nicolas Petro Burgos, the president's son. The authorities are delving into a confidential notebook that the Prosecutor's Office has submitted, which could offer critical insights into the campaign's financial dealings.

### **Inquiry Centers on Campaign Manager Amidst Misconduct Allegations and Denials**

At the heart of the investigation lies a public servant's report, which suggests potential misconduct by Roa Barragan during his tenure as campaign manager. Despite the allegations, Ricardo Roa maintains his innocence, asserting that his management of campaign contributions was both transparent and lawful.

The scrutiny extends to **Ecopetrol**, Colombia's state-owned oil behemoth, as they have been formally notified of the ongoing disciplinary investigation into their leader's activities. This high-stakes inquiry could have significant implications for both the corporate and political landscapes in Colombia.

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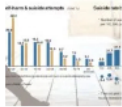
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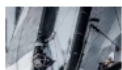
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