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Secret police's ex-chief arrested

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The former chief of Colombia's secret police was arrested on charges of colluding with paramilitary death squads.

Jorge Noguera was freed from jail three months ago because of procedural errors. Colombia's chief prosecutor, Mario Iguaran, ordered Noguera held in a maximum-security jail on accusations of colluding with the banned paramilitaries, including providing them with information that led to several slayings.

Noguera, who ran Colombia's secret police from 2002 to 2005, is the closest ally to President Alvaro Uribe to be jailed in connection with the scandal linking Colombia's political class to militias responsible for some of the nation's worst atrocities.

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