

Brazilian prosecutors to bar Bolsonaro's son from U.S. ambassador position



Brasilia, August 13 (RHC)-- Brazilian federal prosecutors are seeking to prevent far-right President Jair Bolsonaro's son from becoming the new ambassador to the United States. Prosecutors have filed a court injunction to bar Eduardo Bolsonaro from this ambassador role, citing his lack of experience as one of the main factors for their intervention.

The public prosecutor's office asked a Brasilia court to rule on the need for non-diplomats to have relevant international experience and served the nation abroad for at least three years. Opposition lawmakers have also sought to block Eduardo Bolsonaro becoming Brazil's envoy in Washington by introducing a bill against nepotism in the public administration.

Bolsonaro, who has developed close ties with U.S. President Donald Trump since taking office in January, has defended the appointment of his son, saying he is a friend of Trump's family which would help improve relations between the two nations.

But even some of Bolsonaro's allies in Congress, where the Senate has still to confirm the appointment, see the choice as an unprecedented affront to Brazil's experienced diplomatic corps.

Opposition lawmakers are backing bills in both chambers to block nepotism in government appointment, and the Ciudadania party has asked the Supreme Court to bar Bolsonaro's appointment calling it "blatant nepotism."

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