

Bolivian foreign minister denounces opposition to electoral results



Baku, October 27 (RHC)-- Bolivian Foreign Affairs Minister Diego Pary denounced the lack of respect from the right-wing opposition in Bolivia toward voters' decision to re-elect Evo Morales as president, criticizing their attempts to damage the country after last Sunday's elections.

At the 18th Meeting of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) in Azerbaijan, the Bolivian official said there is a plot against the Evo Morales administration re-elected last Sunday by those who took extreme action against the government, burning electoral polling stations.

The top Bolivian diplomat pointed out that the Supreme Electoral Tribunal (TSE) counted 100 percent of the votes and validated President Evo Morales' victory with 47.08 percent compared to 36.51 percent achieved by his closest contender, right-wing Carlos Mesa.

In spite of these conclusive results, the main candidate of the right, who had already declared his intentions to ignore the electoral results, has deployed a campaign to discredit the voting system.

He even tried to instigate violence in Bolivia, but has failed due to "the significant victory of the people, of the indigenous people, peasants and workers who see Evo as their representative."

Pary also said that it was to be expected that the right wing, backed by the Organization of American States (OAS), would try to sabotage the process of democratic and cultural transformation led by the Indigenous leader, possibly the most successful in the continent in terms of duration and economic growth.

"Our progressive vision has triumphed and social organizations recognize the social work of the government," said Pary, while affirming that Bolivia has no place for the neoliberal policies that have shaken Ecuador.

Finally, the Bolivian foreign minister called on the members of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) to unite to maintain multilateralism and defend themselves against unilateral measures that threaten the governments and peoples of independent states.

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