

Investigation finds all killed in Bolivian massacres died from bullet wounds



The Sacaba and Senkata massacres took place on November 15 and 19, respectively, when the army repressed demonstrators protesting against the coup d'état. | Photo: ABI

La Paz, March 21 (RHC)-- The Bolivian Attorney General of the State, Juan Lanchipa Ponce, before the Commission of Plural Justice, Public Ministry and Legal Defense of the State of the Chamber of Deputies, reported that all those killed in the massacres of Senkata and Sacaba -- committed by the de facto

government of Jeanine Áñez -- died of bullet impacts.

"There are conclusive reports from the Institute of Forensic Investigations (IDIF) that determine that all the victims in Senkata and Sacaba died from gunshot wounds," Lanchipa announced. Lanchipa reminded that "the Public Prosecutor's Office has always acted in observance of constitutional rights and guarantees, under the control of the jurisdictional authority. The investigations of the Senkata and Sacaba cases are developed within the framework of the principles that govern the prosecutor's work."

At the same time, the Attorney General's Office published on its website that the investigation employed techniques of "forensic ballistics expertise, forensic chemistry expertise, planimetry and geopositioning."

To these were added "forensic photography, crime scene processing, ballistic expertise, imaging, comparative expertise of firearm projectiles", adds the note. In turn, the Bolivian prosecutor's office pointed out that in the aforementioned legal process "witnesses and accused" have been interrogated, as well as "formal indictment resolutions" have been applied.

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