

Bolivian justice denies Áñez's appeal for release from jail

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Former de facto de facto president Jeanine Áñez has been detained since March 13, 2021. | Photo: EFE

La Paz, March 27 (RHC)-- In Bolivia, Judge César Portocarrero of the First Criminal Court of La Paz declared inadmissible a new appeal of the former de facto president Jeanine Áñez -- the legal recourse through which the former de facto president tried to get out of jail.

"It has been established that the resolution of the judge who ordered the arrest of the accused has the proper factual and legal grounds, so the appeal is declared inadmissible," announced Judge César Portocarrero, at the end of an online hearing.

The First Criminal Court of La Paz, presided by César Portocarrero, confirmed the arrest warrant for one semester against Jeanine Áñez, a measure which is extended to the former Ministers of Justice, Álvaro Coimbra, and of Energy, Rodrigo Guzmán.

On the other hand, Luis Guillén, lawyer for the de facto coup president, announced to local media that he will take the case to other courts to appeal the decision issued by the ordinary justice system.

The former Bolivian coup president Jeanine Áñez had lost an appeal a week ago. She has been imprisoned since March 13, and two of her former ministers since March 12th.

The charges for the cases involving "unconstitutional loans from the IMF (International Monetary Fund)", "Violation of freedom of expression in the quarantine" and "Violation of human rights of Bolivian citizens on the border with Chile" are the proposals for accusations of responsibility trials against the former de facto president that have been accepted and sent to the Criminal Chamber of the Supreme Court of Justice (TSJ).

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