

Torture denounced in Bolivia during de facto government



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La Paz, June 26 (RHC)-- The Bolivian government has denounced that the de facto authorities staged massive torture actions between November 2019 and October 2020. The general director of the Service for the Prevention of Torture (Sepret), Nadeshda Guevara, reported that at least 180 people were victims of torture and humiliation during the de facto government of Jeanine Áñez.

Guevara did not rule out that more Bolivians were persecuted by orders of Arturo Murillo or Fernando López, former ministers of Jeanine Áñez, due to the lack of attention shown by these former officials to the victims of persecution or mistreatment by that government.

The coup authorities acted like the military dictatorships of Plan Condor, which used terror to silence any movement,' added the Sepret director. According to the official, the de facto Executive made illegal arrests with all kinds of accusations, under the criterion of assuming the citizen "as an enemy who goes against the political ideas of the government of the moment."

Guevara recalled that several international organizations verified the occurrence of human rights violations against Bolivians during the de facto regime. According to the specialist, the victims were accused of crimes that today lack elements to prove their existence or their execution by their alleged perpetrators, then subjected to severe torture.

"The violations of 2019 and 2020 must be repaired by the State and the State must give a message to the next governments so that human rights violations are not repeated with the desire to take power," said the director of Sepret.

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