

Bolivian prosecutors accept lawsuit against Áñez for coup massacres

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In the midst of the repression unleashed by the de facto government after the 2019 coup d'état, the massacres in Sacaba and Senkata were among the most notorious events. | Photo: Twitter

La Paz, July 6 (RHC)-- The Bolivian Attorney General's Office has admitted a new lawsuit against former de facto coup 'president' Jeanine Áñez for the massacres in Sacaba and Senkata, which occurred in November 2019.

Jeanine Añez is now charged with genocide and other crimes.

According to a report by the Ministry of Justice on its digital networks, the admission of the lawsuit is the first step towards a trial against Añez in her capacity as head of the armed forces for the moment in which the massacres occurred.

The events in Sacaba took place on November 15, 2019, when a large march against the coup d'état against Evo Morales, from the Six Federations of the Tropic tried to pass the police cordon that was installed on the Huayllani bridge.

The president of the relatives of the deceased of Senkata, Gloria Quisbert, immediately welcomed the admission of the lawsuit and said: "We just want to get to the bottom of this, that justice be done for these deaths."

Quisbert said that it is expected that what happened will be investigated, because he recalled that "there is neither forgetting nor forgiveness" for what Añez and her former Minister of Government Arturo Murillo did with the approval of Supreme Decree 4078, which exempted from responsibility the militar, acting in the repression of the people in the coup d'état of 2019.

The former de facto ruler faces a criminal process in the ordinary justice system for the coup d'état of 2019, brought by the former deputy of the Movimiento Al Socialismo, Lidia Patty; a case in which she would have incurred in the crimes of terrorism, sedition, conspiracy, resolutions contrary to the Constitution and the laws, among others.

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