

President: Assassination attempt on CFK, most serious event since Argentina recovered its democracy



President Alberto Fernandez addresses the nation on the assassination attempt on CFK.

Buenos Aires, August 2, (RHC)--Argentine President Alberto Fernandez considered the assassination attempt on Cristina Kirchner-Fernandez as the "most serious event since the country recovered its

democracy."

The statement of the Argentinean President was made on national TV before midnight on Thursday.

In his remarks, he decreed a national holiday this Friday so that "the Argentine people can express themselves in defense of life, democracy and in solidarity with the vice president.

Before the broadcast, Fernandez called CFK. The ministers met urgently in Olivos and announced urgently for Friday morning a formal cabinet meeting at the Casa Rosada.

"In the framework of a massive presence of people in front of the vice-president's home, a man pointed a gun at her head and triggered. Cristina remains alive because for a reason not yet technically confirmed, the gun with five bullets did not fire despite having been triggered", explained President Fernández on national TV.

"This attack -he added- deserves the most energetic repudiation of the Argentine society, of all political sectors, and all the men and women of the republic because these events affect our democracy.

We are obliged to recover the democratic coexistence that has been broken by the discourse of hatred that has been spread from different political, judicial, and media spaces of the Argentine society," said the Argentinian President.

Police said the gunman, who local media identified as a 35-year-old Brazilian man, has been taken into custody.

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