

# *Warnings on Bolsonaro's maneuvers to annul elections in Brazil*

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Brasilia, December 14 (RHC)-- The defeated ultra-right-wing leader Jair Bolsonaro is apparently carrying out maneuvers to try to annul the result of the elections in Brazil won by President-elect Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva.

According to the columnist Paulo Cappelli, of the portal Metr opolis, Bolsonaro, demanded by supporters, pressures Valdemar Costa Neto, head of the Liberal Party (PL), "for a new action that aims to heat up the streets."

As the PL standard bearer seeking reelection, the ex-military officer lost in the second round of voting on October 30 to Lula, the Workers' Party's candidate for power. According to Capelli, the silent former Army captain "began to draw up new strategies to prevent Lula's inauguration," who on December 12 received

the authorization for the position at the Superior Electoral Court (TSE) and will take office on January 1st.

The journalist refers that now, the still head of state is pressuring Costa Neto to submit to Justice an action requesting new elections, under allegation of fraud. "More than any legal effectiveness, the measure seeks to inflame the streets and demonstrate willingness to attack," the text points out.

The piece that Bolsonaro wants the PL to present would resort to Article 14 of the Federal Constitution, which deals with "popular sovereignty" and "universal suffrage." And it would quote Paragraph 10, which reads: "The elective mandate may be challenged before the Electoral Justice within 15 days counted from the diploma (certifying elective victory in the TSE), once the action has been instructed with evidence of abuse of economic power, corruption or fraud."

In spite of the coercions, Costa Neto resists to put into practice what the former paratrooper wants, the columnist indicates, and "tries to dissuade Bolsonaro from the idea of carrying out any movement of institutional rupture and seeks to convince him to dispute the elections in 2026."

The PL's incumbent believes that he was sufficiently exposed when he filed an action, based on an audit hired by the political organization itself, questioning the electronic ballot boxes. As a consequence, the party was condemned by the TSE to pay a million-dollar fine, as it was considered a bad faith operation.

Members of the Bolsonarista base in Congress affirm that the President seems to have "no direction" and does not communicate clearly what he intends to do since his failure at the polls.

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