

Bolivian governor Luis Fernando Camacho detained at high-security prison



Prosecutors in the case have denied the accusations and demonstrated before the judge that Luis Fernando Camacho knew of his summons to appear to testify and did not do so in a timely manner. | Photo: AbyayalaTV

La Paz, December 30 (RHC)-- The governor of Santa Cruz, Bolivia, and former president of the Civic Committee of that region, Luis Fernando Camacho, accused in the Coup d'Etat I case, entered the maximum security prison of Chonchocoro, in the department of La Paz.

According to reports, the governor of Santa Cruz, who was transported in a caravan of four cars, will be subjected to rigorous procedures and then the area where he will be held will be defined.

Camacho was captured last Wednesday, by a prosecutor's order issued on October 31, and transferred to La Paz that same day, prosecuted as a perpetrator of the "Coup d'Etat I" case, initiated in November 2020.

The transfer took place in after in the early hours of this Friday, the Eighth Judge of Instruction in Criminal Cautionary of the Departmental Court of Justice of La Paz, Sergio Pacheco, ordered the preventive detention of Camacho for four months in the penitentiary center of Chonchocoro.

The hearing took place virtually at the Eighth Criminal Trial Court of La Paz. It was installed with the presence of all the parties to the proceedings, who supported their position. The hearing lasted more than seven hours. Although Camacho's defense presented an "incident of illegality of apprehension," the plaintiffs requested that it be rejected because no evidence was presented.

The Prosecutors' Commission requested in its accusation that Camacho be preventively detained for six months in the Chonchocoro prison, on the grounds that there are procedural dangers of escape and obstruction of the accused for the crime of terrorism and therefore they supported his preventive detention.

Likewise, the prosecutors and the plaintiff Lidia Patty, announced the appeal to the ruling, considering the time of preventive detention too short. Meanwhile, the defense announced that it will appeal the judicial decision.

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