

Bolivian coup plotters attack police headquarters again in Santa Cruz

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La Paz, January 3 (RHC)-- Violent groups of the so-called Unión Juvenil Cruceñista (UJC), linked to the governor of the department of Santa Cruz, Fernando Camacho, attacked again on Monday night the Police Command of the city of Santa Cruz.

The correspondent for teleSUR in Bolivia, Freddy Rosales, indicated that during the attack on the police headquarters, the attackers assaulted a group of people who were participating in a vigil in favor of Governor Camacho.

According to police sources, a group of people armed with Molotov cocktails, firecrackers and fireworks attacked the police headquarters around 9 p.m. last night. The departmental sub-commander of the police, colonel Edson Claure, said that police officers responded to the attack using tear gas to disperse the violent people and prevent the seizure and burning of the police headquarters.

The police officer commented that videos were recorded to show evidence of the violence and to identify some of those responsible for the aggression against the police headquarters, who may be charged for their criminal actions later.

The violent protests in the city of Santa Cruz have intensified after the arrest of the governor of Santa Cruz, Luis Fernando Camacho, leaving several damages and burnings of national and regional public institutions. Camacho is accused of terrorism, for which a judge ordered his preventive detention for four months in the maximum security prison of Chonchocoro, in the department of La Paz.

Luis Fernando Camacho was apprehended last December 28, 2022 by the country's police, in the framework of the case known as "Coup d'Etat I".

In the investigation of the Coup d'Etat I case, more people have also been charged for their participation in that event, among them the former de facto president, Jeanine Áñez; Carlos Mesa, Jorge Quiroga, José Luis Camacho Parada (father of the governor), among others allegedly involved.

During the 2019 coup d'état more than 30 people were killed, while hundreds more were injured.

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