

Fernando Camacho accused of promoting 2019 coup d'état in Bolivia



La Paz, December 1 (RHC)-- A criminal investigation by the Bolivian Ministry of Interior revealed that the former civic leader of the department of Santa Cruz, Fernando Camacho, promoted the coup d'état that took place in that South American nation in November 2019 and forced the resignation of then president Evo Morales to avoid bloodshed.

According to the investigation presented as a criminal complaint, Camacho promoted the coup actions, of which there is evidence such as videos, photographs of fund transfers and phone calls with other material actors of the coup, among other evidence.

The Ministry of the Interior stated that the Civic Committee of Santa Cruz made between September 5 and November 5 of that year around 20 transfers for payment of tickets between Santa Cruz and La Paz, as well as other expenses called "committees", which totaled more than 1,000,000 dollars.

In turn, during a public act held in November 2019, the Santa Cruz governor gave a 48-hour deadline for Morales' resignation and urged the armed forces to "stand by the people."

Similarly, evidence was presented on the telephone calls between Camacho's operator and intermediary, Luis López, and the aide to the Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, General William Carlos Kaliman Romero.

This investigation also corroborated that the military commanders did not obey then President Morales. Kaliman Romero did not answer any of the ten telephone calls made to him, but he did maintain several telephone contacts with López.

The Anti-Corruption Prosecutor's Office stated that it has sufficient elements to support the accusation, but requested another month of preventive detention for Camacho in order to finalize the proceedings in this case.

Camacho has been detained in a maximum security penitentiary since December 30, 2022. At the end of 2020, former congresswoman Lidia Patty accused Camacho of terrorism, together with former Army and Police chiefs, for the coup events that took place in the South American nation.

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