

Guatemalan Attorney General maintains confrontational posture



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Guatemala's controversial Attorney General, Consuelo Porras, has repeatedly ignored calls for her resignation made not only by President Bernardo Arevalo, but also by a large part of the Central American country's citizens.

Labeled as corrupt and anti-democratic, Porras has opted for a confrontational stance with the new president. She did not attend a first summons of Arevalo, with the excuse that it was illegal.

The media recalled that she never had any inconvenience to meet with former presidents Jimmy Morales, who appointed her to the position in 2018, nor with Alejandro Gianmattei of whom she was a loyal ally and who in 2022 re-elected her as Attorney General for another four years.

In a second meeting with Arévalo at the beginning of this week, she left after a few minutes, without rendering an account of her management at the head of the Public Prosecutor's Office.

Porras promoted from his post a judicial persecution against the Seed Movement. He tried throughout last year's electoral process to disqualify the president's party, with the justification of alleged irregularities in its registration.

The maneuver came to fruition last November, when the Supreme Electoral Tribunal validated the order of a criminal judge to disqualify Semilla, which was immediately qualified by the experts as illegal, since a magistrate of the Supreme Electoral Tribunal was not authorized to disqualify Semilla.

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