

Peruvian judge maintains preventive detention for former president Pedro Castillo

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former president receive a sentence of 34 years in prison. Photo: EFE.

Lima, October 27 (RHC)-- The Peruvian Justice has confirmed the preventive detention measure against former President Pedro Castillo, because, according to the judge, "the risk of flight persists" in the case of a alleged failed self-coup of 2022.

For its part, the Judiciary of Peru wrote on the social network X that it "declared unfounded the ex officio review of the preventive detention ordered against the accused former President Pedro Castillo and, consequently, declared this measure imposed in the process for the crime of rebellion and others in force."

It also stated that this measure was ordered by the Supreme Court of Preparatory Investigation, under the direction of Supreme Court Judge Juan Carlos Checkley Soria.

In his resolution, the judge indicated that "the danger of the accused fleeing persists" and that there is no new evidence to support the cessation of the measure, initially established for 18 months and later extended for the same period.

On September 9th, Checkley established that Castillo will be subjected to oral trial for the failed coup attempt carried out on December 7, 2022, in the company of his former prime ministers Betssy Chávez and Aníbal Torres.

Among the reasons given by both the Prosecutor's Office and the defense of the accused "must be contrasted during the oral trial phase and not during the accusation control" of the matter. The magistrate points out, in his resolution, that the risk of the accused fleeing persists and that there are no new elements of conviction that justify the cessation of the measure, initially imposed for 18 months and then extended for the same period.

With this decision, the Judicial Power chose to "continue with the process facing Pedro Castillo, Aníbal Torres, Betssy Chávez and others for the crime of rebellion and another against the State."

The Prosecutor's Office presented its request for accusation last January and requested that the former president receive a sentence of 34 years in prison for the commission of crimes of rebellion, abuse of authority and serious disturbance of public tranquility.

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