

Possible Beginning of Trial for Events in Curuguaty, Paraguay



Movements in defense of the 12 accused for those events and refusals of lawyers and sitting judges are the reasons why these sessions were suspended without even having a beginning, set for a courtroom in Paraguay's Palace of Justice.

In the first case, the most significant event happened last July when suddenly the farmers, when the hearing was about to start, said they had unanimously dismissed the two lawyers who were handling the case.

These attorneys had previously been reported by the prosecution for trying to delay the trial and the Supreme Court had warned them it could withdraw their legal licenses.

People who filled the room at that time reiterated, especially to the press, their opposition to the making of the trial for considering all defendants innocent in a process that gives continuity to actions classified as illegal.

In May 2012, the farm Campos Morombí of the town of Curuguaty, 240 kilometers northeast of Asunción, was occupied by 100 protesting farmers due to the shortage of agricultural land in the department of Canindeyú.

Three weeks later, the Ministry of the Interior ordered the forced eviction of the property, which led to violent clashes between police and occupiers with 17 people dead.

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