

Bolivia Bans Men Violent Against Women from Public Positions



La Paz, May 5 (RHC-teleSUR)-- Any Bolivian who wishes to apply for public positions will now have to provide a document proving they have no criminal record of gender violence, according to an agreement signed Wednesday between the Justice Ministry and the Magistrate Council.

The measure includes violence against women, as well as any kind of violence directed against other family members, said Justice Minister Virginia Velasco. This includes all public positions, whether they are filled via election or appointment.

President Evo Morales implemented Law 348 in 2013 in order to stop domestic violence and punish abusers with harsher sentences. The law also made femicide, the violent and deliberate killing of a woman, a crime punishable by 30 years in prison.

However, every day increasing numbers of women are dying at the hands of abusive husbands and partners.

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