

Peruvian court orders Fujimori be prosecuted for 1992 massacre



Lima, Feb 27 (RHC)-- Peru's former President Alberto Fujimori has been ordered to stand trial for a 1992 massacre which resulted in the killings of six farmers. It was ruled that dictator Alberto Fujimori should be prosecuted for the 1992 massacre, known as the Pativilca case, in which the humanitarian pardon granted by President Pedro Pablo Kuczynski (PPK) cannot apply.

Fujimori will be judged for the killing of six people in Pativilca, in the province of Barranca, which occurred in January 1992. At the time of receiving the pardon, Fujimori did not have a prison order for the Pativilca case, so in this case, he can not benefit from that measure.

Fujimori will be prosecuted as a presumed mediator (commission of a crime through another person) of qualified homicide and against public tranquility, in the form of an illicit association to commit a crime against the State, according to the local newspaper El Comercio. Local press accounts say that the date for Fujimori's first public hearing will be announced in the coming days.

In this case, prosecutor Landa Burgos has requested 25 years in prison for Fujimori, accusing him of approving and implementing the State's anti-terrorist policy designed by Vladimiro Montesinos Torres.

The prosecutor explained that during Fujimori's term, intelligence operations were carried out by the paramilitary group Colina, including the one on January 29, 1992, in the Pampa de San José and

Caraqueño de Barranca (Lima), which resulted in the murder of student John Calderón Ríos and of the farmers Toribio Ortiz Aponte, Felandro Castillo Manrique and César Rodríguez Esquivel; driver Pedro Agüero, and of professor Pedro Arias Velásquez.

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