

# *Evo Morales warns that Bolivia's dictatorship is preparing for state of siege*

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Mexico City, November 18 (RHC)-- The constitutionally-elected Bolivian President in exile, Evo Morales, said on Monday that the de facto government established in his country is preparing for a state of siege in an attempt to contain protests against the coup.

"After massacring 24 indigenous people, they now preparing for a State of Siege. It would be the confirmation that instead of respecting democracy, they installed a dictatorship," the Bolivian leader said via his Twitter account.

He also repudiated that the de facto government does not seek the pacification of the country and, instead, order the "defamation and repression" of those who demand respect for democracy.

When presenting his resignation, Evo Morales asked the opposition to cease the violence generated against the indigenous people and followers of the Movement to Socialism (MAS), a government party. However, since then the persecution and aggressions against him have increased.

Human rights defenders repudiate repression against peaceful demonstrations that demand the resignation of Senator Jeanine Áñez, self-proclaimed interim president. The marchers reject the coup d'etat and the grievances against the natives committed by the coup plotters, such as the burning of the wiphala, ancestral flag of the original peoples.

A little more than a week after the coup d'etat was consummated, the demonstrations in Bolivia continue, while repression carried out by the military and police forces intensifies.

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