

Bolivian coup leaders fight among themselves for power



La Paz, February 6 (RHC)-- An internal feud between coup leaders keeps growing in Bolivia, as both Carlos Mesa and Luis Fernando Camacho accused interim President Jeanine Añez of abusing her position to benefit her political ambitions, ahead of May 3rd presidential elections.

On the one hand, the presidential candidate for Community Citizen, Carlos Mesa, complained about the unequal standings of the contestants, "inevitably, the lady president speaks as president, but she is also a candidate and this forum is a demonstration that there are no equal rules for everyone." When asked if he is willing to discuss with Añez, the candidate replied that he would discuss with any candidate, with rules defined.

On the other hand, Luis Fernando Camacho, candidate of Alliance We believe decided not to participate in the Political Economic Forum called "Stability, Productivity, Institutionality: The Bolivia We Want", held by the Chamber of Industry and Commerce of Santa Cruz, because the candidate for the Together Alliance, Jeanine Añez, continues to use her presidential investiture to carry out a political campaign.

Ronald MacLean, national campaign leader of We Believe, explained that Camacho's absence is "a form of protest on the electoral stage, for the inequality in which all other 'non-official' candidates are competing against President Jeanine Añez and her government." He also anticipated that Añez would occupy a place in the front row of the Political Economic Forum. At the same time, the other candidates would sit in

the audience, the same situation of the Meeting for the Unity of Bolivia.

Coup leaders apparently won't be able to fulfill their agreements on maintaining a "clean and peaceful electoral" campaign, as well as presenting a common front in the next Plurinational Legislative Assembly to be elected.

Currently, the Movement to Socialism has the most robust support in terms of voting intentions with over 26 percent. The division on the right is worrying some anti-MAS commentators, who fear that Evo Morales and his supporters could again, defeat them.

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