

Brazilian president orders journalists to shut up



Brasilia, May 6 (RHC)-- Brazil's President Jair Bolsonaro lost his temper on Tuesday and told reporters to shut up after they asked him about his interference in the Federal Police, of which he was accused by Sergio Moro, his former Justice Minister and political ally.

As the far-right politician left the government headquarters in Brasilia, he protested to journalists for being part of a "rogue and lying press." Previously, Moro accused Bolsonaro of influencing the Federal Police politically by appointing its new director, Rolando De Souza, who replaces Carlos Henrique Oliveira.

According to local outlets, the change in the police leadership would be related to an attempt to obstruct an investigation supervised by the Supreme Court after the complaint made by the former Justice Minister.

When journalists asked Bolsonaro about this issue, the former captain reacted violently by ordering them to close their mouths on at least three occasions.

"It is roguery. Shut up, ask nothing... scoundrel, liar. You, from the media, be ashamed... You just post false news," Bolsonaro shouted.??????

One political observer noted that Bolsonaro is apparently following the lead of his friend and hero, Donald Trump, who frequently yells at reporters and calls the media that criticizes him 'fake news.'

Bolsonaro's supporters demanded that the health measures to restrict the movement of people, which were adopted by governors and mayors, be eliminated although Brazil registers over 7,300 deaths and 108,620 infected COVID-19.

The attacks and insults against the press were then condemned even by the Defense Ministry, which stated that "all attacks on press professionals are unacceptable."

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