

Bolivian judge decrees four months of preventive detention for Jeanine Áñez

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The measure is taken because the jurist Santa Cruz considers that there is a high risk that Áñez will flee from Bolivian Justice. | Photo: @FreddyteleSUR

La Paz, March 15 (RHC)-- The Bolivian judge, Regina Santa Cruz, decreed this Sunday four months of preventive detention to the country's former de facto president -- Jeanine Áñez -- as well as former de facto ministers Álvaro Coímbra and Rodrigo Guzmán.

Although the Attorney General's Office had asked for six months to be decreed while the investigation is ongoing, Judge Santa Cruz considered the pre-trial detention time to be excessive. Áñez and her collaborators who led the 2019 coup against then Bolivian President Evo Morales, are being investigated for terrorism, sedition and conspiracy.

Former de facto president Jeanine Áñez will serve preventive detention in the Obrajes women's prison. The two former ministers will be held in the San Pedro de La Paz prison.

During the hearing, which lasted more than 10 hours, both Áñez and her former ministers Coímbra and Guzmán remained in an office of the Special Force against Crime.

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