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Brasilia, May 3 (RHC)- Former Brazilian President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva will hold a series of meetings with party leaders of different political tendencies, in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic that has claimed more than 400,000 lives in Brazil.

Lula in Brasilia will have a week of meetings "with political forces orphaned by the failure and abandonment of any perspective of direction by the current government" of Jair Bolsonaro, according to the renowned sociologist Emir Sader in his column on the website Brasil 247.

He comments that the founder of the Workers' Party (PT) "is not an alternative for the left, nor for the center and right forces. Lula is the alternative for Brazil, as a country, as a nation." Sader specifies that the former labor leader will exchange opinions with leaders of left, center and right organizations, "with some of whom he governed and others who are disoriented, looking for a horizon for their parties."

He explains that more and more opinion formers, some of whom before were frantically anti PT, such as Reinaldo Azevedo and Felipe Neto, now believe that Lula is the only perspective for the reconstruction of the country, in the face of the humanitarian, economic, social and political catastrophe in which Brazil finds itself.

As some recognize, it is not possible to compare what the former union leader represents for the country and what Bolsonaro may represent, the columnist points out. He argues that "the latter arrived to destroy what was built and still remained of democracy, of the State, of the political credibility of the presidency, of a minimally harmonious coexistence among the three powers of the Republic."

For Sader, in the midst of the pandemic "it becomes more evident that the current government has nothing more to give to the country, whichever way you look at it," adding: "What remains is the support of the lumpen bourgeoisie, which is only interested in the liquidation of state-owned companies at cheap prices, and the evangelical fanatics."

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