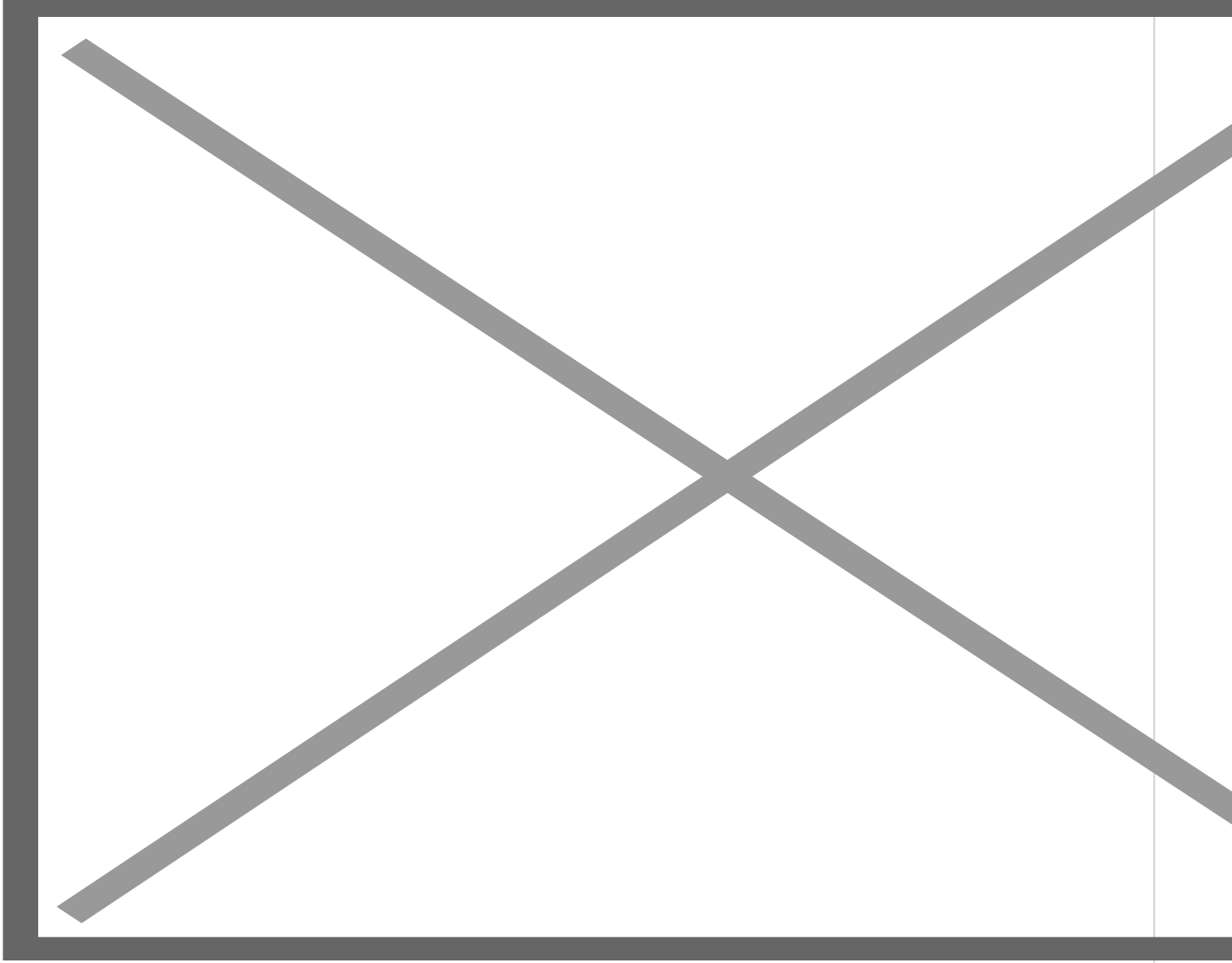


Peruvian judge determines continuity of legal proceedings against Keiko Fujimori

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Alberto Fujimori's daughter intends to pardon her father if she wins the second round of elections on June 6. | Photo: El Periódico

Lima, June 5 (RHC)-- In Peru, Judge Víctor Zúñiga rejected the five appeals filed by Keiko Fujimori, Peru's presidential candidate, and others linked to alleged acts of corruption, in order to move the trial against her back to its preliminary investigation stage and avoid the opening of the trial for the so-called Cocktail case.

The Peruvian Public Prosecutor's Office would have made the request for the opening of the trial for corruption and money laundering, ending the period of investigation. The investigation points out that the Fuerza 2011 bench (currently Fuerza Popular) would have disguised illicit money in the form of donations during the electoral campaign of 2011 and 2016, delivered by the Brazilian construction company Odebrecht.

Zúñiga concluded in his resolution that the incorporation of other means of evidence, "does not reduce or eliminate the possibilities of proving all the arguments that he considers relevant." In this way, the nullities filed by Fujimori, her husband Mark Vito and his company MVV Bienes Raíces, the former secretary general of her party Jaime Yoshiyama, as well as the party itself, were declared unfounded.

Keiko Fujimori was in preventive detention for this investigation and her record includes another one carried out by Congress in 2000, after the parliamentary dismissal of her father, Alberto Fujimori. Public Prosecutor José Domingo Pérez said that the current candidate "does not want an independent Judicial Power to judge her crimes in a public trial."

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