

Former first lady of El Salvador sentenced to 10 years in prison

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The prosecution claimed that the defendants created a network that extracted money from state coffers. | Photo: Taken from @FGR_SV

San Salvador, June 5 (RHC)-- The Fourth Sentencing Court of El Salvador has handed down a sentence of 10 years in prison against Ana Ligia Mixco de Saca, wife of former President Antonio Saca (2004-2009), for the crime of money laundering for an amount exceeding \$26,000,000, informed the Attorney General's Office of the Central American country.

"The 4th Sentencing Court has ruled in accordance with the request of the Attorney General's Office of the Republic of El Salvador. The former first lady Ana Ligia Mixco de Saca has been sentenced to ten years in prison," the agency said on its Twitter account.

The agency also said that the implicated Óscar Edgardo Mixco Sol, brother of the former first lady, was sentenced to 10 years in prison, and auditor Milton Romeo Avilés Cruz to seven years in prison. Another seven people have been sentenced for Special Money Laundering Cases, according to the Prosecutor's Office.

Among the other defendants are Julio Roberto Zamora Bolaños, Sonia Guadalupe Morales De Reyes, María Emma Suazo Canjura, Ángel José Montoya González and Oswaldo Octavio Orantes Marengo.

"The former president Elías Antonio Saca headed a money laundering network during his administration, extracting money from the State's coffers and sending it to advertising agencies of the accused to be later retaken by the company Samix, of which Saca was the owner", said the Attorney General's Office of the Central American country.

The amount to be returned to the State will be announced on June 21, said the prosecutor's office, which has requested the return of \$17,600,000 U\$D in Civil Liability.

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