

Bolivian Prosecutor's Office summons key witnesses in coup d'état

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Then senator Adriana Salvatierra also resigned under pressure from the Armed Forces, thus consummating the coup d'état. | Photo: Twitter: @Adriana1989sa

La Paz, June 29 (RHC)-- The case on the coup d'état in Bolivia in November 2019 continues this week with the call of the Prosecutor's Office for seven people to testify, including those who were in the line of succession after the forced resignation of Evo Morales, under pressure from the armed forces, high commanders of the police and right-wing politicians.

The announcement of the summons to testify of the former parliamentarians comes after the judicial depositions of the former president of the Senate (during the illegitimate mandate of Áñez), Adriana Salvatierra, who, with her statement supported the thesis of the coup d'état against Evo, after the president had been reelected in elections held in October 2019.

Among those called to testify are former legislators Víctor Borda and Rubén Medinaceli, who as assembly members were in the line of succession when, forced by the pressure of the armed forces, the police and right-wing politicians, the reelected President Morales resigned from his post to avoid a bloodbath.

That truth is the one that will demonstrate that in 2019 there was a coup d'état that interrupted a democratic government to replace it with another one that took office illegally and whose only objective was to install a huge mechanism of corruption to steal from all Bolivians.

Borda was president of the Chamber of Deputies in 2019 and could have been president of the state with the forced resignations of Evo Morales, Álvaro García and Adriana Salvatierra, however, he then also resigned from office. Medinaceli, on the other hand, was first vice-president of the Senate and, with his resignation, Jeanine Áñez assumed the Presidency, being the second vice-president of the Upper House.

For her part, the former president of the Bolivian Senate, Adriana Salvatierra, in a voluntary declaration before the Prosecutor's Office, presented a set of documents in which she "reliably establishes" how the coup d'état took place, which "materialized" in a "mock session" in the Legislative Assembly that led to the illegal assumption of the Presidency, "without complying with the constitutional procedures."

Salvatierra assured that Jeanine Áñez, in preventive prison for her role in the crisis, was elected "before" and that the position was never offered to her, which strictly speaking corresponded to her.

According to her, she resigned from her post after speaking with Morales and García Linera shortly after their forced resignation. "They told me that the Armed Forces did not accept the constitutional succession." "We said that it is impossible to make way for a constitutional succession."

In this sense, he added: "With a clear reasoning: if Morales and García Linera resign so that the violence ceases and the Armed Forces state that even with the succession with me the violence will not cease, my participation in the succession was not a solution".

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