

# *Lula promises to visit Argentina to thank for solidarity*

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Brasilia, July 5 (RHC)-- The former president of Brazil and leader of the Workers' Party (PT), Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, during an interview for Argentinean media, thanked Alberto Fernández for his visit and the support of Cristina Kirchner when he was detained, calling the action a gesture of solidarity.

Lula said he wants to travel this year to thank the Argentinean people for being faithful to the bonds of friendship created between the two countries under his mandate. "I would like to have a mate, a coffee with President Alberto Fernandez and other comrades with whom I have so much friendship. It is a country for which I have enormous affection," added the former president.

Lula advocated for Latin American unity and said that the victory of Fernandez in Argentina, Luis Arce in Bolivia and Pedro Castillo in Peru show that the region is beginning to recover after the economic, social and political "setback" that accompanied the coming to power of conservative leaders in 2014/2015 after years of progressive governments.

When questioned about the Brazilian situation, Lula confessed that "I never imagined that Brazil would elect as president a genocide, a fascist who does not like Blacks or LGBTI people, what is more, who does not like unions, does not like workers, does not like Indians, does not want to preserve our Amazon rainforest," said Lula.

The Brazilian leader also stated that he is pushing in the National Congress together with many entities the impeachment against President Bolsonaro. Always with the hope that the House will vote for it because so far 120 petitions against him have been rejected.

After having spent 580 days in prison unjustly accused of corruption, Lula said he was satisfied because the Supreme Court annulled the proceedings against him and gave him back all his political rights. Upon being declared innocent, he affirmed that he is determined to start touring his country in the middle of this month and warns that he is not yet a candidate to succeed Jair Bolsonaro, but he could be.

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