

Former Bolivian police commander sentenced to prison for Senkata massacre

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Montero will face six months in prison while the investigation into the crimes against him concludes. | Photo: El Deber?

La Paz, September 10 (RHC)-- The Bolivian Attorney General's Office has issued preventive imprisonment for six months to former police commander, Rodolfo Montero, who is charged with the crimes of alleged genocide, homicide, serious and minor injuries associated with the Senkata massacre that occurred in 2019.

Montero was transferred to the San Pedro prison in La Paz, after his detention was determined in the precautionary hearing, to face the investigation to which he is subjected, for the police repression of Senkata, which left a toll of ten killed and dozens wounded by gunshots.

The hearing of precautionary measures took place virtually in the First Court of Criminal Instruction of the city of El Alto, after prosecutors Wálter Lora, Favio Maldonado and Iván Cernadas, issued the arrest warrant for the former commander, after attending the Public Prosecutor's Office to give a statement on the events of November 19, 2019.

Montero, who served as commander of the Bolivian Police since November 14, 2019, to the detriment of Yuri Calderón and during the de facto regime of Jeanine Áñez, was held in cells of the Special Force to Fight Crime (Felcc), from where he was transferred to San Pedro.

Likewise, it was known that in Cochabamba eight other police agents in the service of the de facto government were accused of similar crimes associated with the Sacaba massacre, which occurred on November 15, 2019.

In this sense, relatives of the victims of the Senkata and Sacaba massacres demonstrated last Tuesday in La Paz demanding Justice for the crimes committed.

In line with their claims, the Public Prosecutor's Office is developing the pertinent investigations, with the objective of finding those responsible and making them pay for their crimes.

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