

Lula celebrates Brazilian court decision to close triplex case in Guarujá

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"Partial judge. Conviction without evidence for 'indeterminate act'. Political persecution. Case cancelled and closed. The truth won," said Lula. | Photo: Ricardo Stuckert/DW

Brasilia, January 29 (RHC)-- The former president of Brazil, Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, celebrated Friday the decision of the Federal Criminal Court of Brasilia to close the case of the triplex of Guarujá, in Sao Paulo, the case that led him to prison.

Through his account on the social network Twitter, the former president said: "Partial judge. Conviction without evidence for 'indeterminate act.' Political persecution. Case canceled and closed. The truth won," after learning of Judge Pollyanna Alves' decision.

For their part, Lula's lawyers affirmed that "the definitive closing of the triplex case by Justice reinforces that it only served for some members of Justice to practice lawfare against Lula". In a statement, Cristiano Zanin Martins and Valeska Teixeira Martins pointed out that, with the Guarujá triplex case, the Brazilian leader was prosecuted for political purposes.

"A case without materiality or concrete accusation, and only with evidence of the innocence of the former president (...) The Supreme Federal Court (STF) recognized the bias of former judge Sergio Moro in this case and in others in which he acted against Lula, as we have demonstrated since the first written defense filed," they added.

Judge Alves indicated that the STF declared that the Court of the Judicial Section of Paraná "had territorial incompetence for the process and judgment of the criminal actions, opportunity in which all acts of decision were declared null and void".

"For the foregoing reasons, I accept the ministerial request and determine the file of the case," he ordered. Last December, the Federal Public Prosecutor's Office had requested the prescription of the case after the STF decision.

Lula was released in November 2019, after serving 580 days in custody at the Federal Police headquarters in Curitiba, despite the evidence presented on his innocence.

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