

Peruvian prime minister denounces coup attempts

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Lima, February 15 (RHC)-- Peruvian Prime Minister Anibal Torres affirmed on Monday of preparations for an opposition parliamentary coup d'état against President Pedro Castillo. "Peruvians, and also the international community: You are warned of this plan, which has been exposed," Torres said.

The prime minister pointed out that a minority sector of the Congress is attacking the rule of law, democracy, and governance and trying to discredit the country before the world. He denounced as part of these efforts, the meeting behind closed doors of right-wing parliamentarians, organized by the German foundation Friederich Naumann, dedicated to design "the legal strategy to finalize a way to remove the president."

He asserted that this meeting, attended by the conservative president of Congress, María del Carmen Alva, was the continuation of a series of right-wing actions to prevent Castillo's ascension to the presidency.

The Peruvian prime minister presented a detailed chronology of these actions, which began on June 7, the day after Castillo's narrow victory on the ballot. He also pointed to the national and international campaign for the auditing of the results, the subsequent attempt to annul the election, the disavowal of the elected president and even calls for the Armed Forces not to recognize him as president.

"Not only did they proclaim the theory of an alleged fraud, but now they intend to secretly hatch a plan to generate a coup d'état by means of a presidential vacancy, constitutional accusation or presidential resignation," he asserted.

He affirmed that the Parliament "is permanently seeking to pave the way for the vacancy," approving unconstitutional norms that modify the Magna Carta and, according to jurists, reduce powers to leave the president defenseless and "concentrate all power in the Congress of the Republic."

For his part, Foreign Minister César Landa affirmed that there is international concern for the conflictive situation in Peru, emphasized the legitimacy of the government, its worldwide recognition and advocated for dialogue between the Executive and the Legislative branches of government.

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