

Bolsonarists attack Federal Police headquarters in Brasilia

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**Bus set on fire by far-right activists in Brasilia, Brazil, Dec. 12, 2022. | Photo: Twitter/
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Brasilia, December 13 (RHC)-- In Brazil, supporters of outgoing President Jair Bolsonaro tried to invade the headquarters of the Federal Police in Brasilia, where a far-right activist was being held for having called for a coup d'état to prevent the appointment of Lula da Silva as Brazil's president-elect.

Besides trying to enter the police building, the Bolsonaristas also went to the vicinity of the hotel where the Workers' Party leader was staying. However, the Brazilian president-elect was not evacuated from the hotel since a police device guaranteed his safety.

The incoming Justice Minister Flavio Dino affirmed that those who participated in the acts of vandalism are "terrorists" who must answer for their acts.

Hours before the riots, Bolsonaro was haranguing his supporters, who were gathered in front of his residence and who have been calling for a military "intervention" against Lula.

The immediate antecedent of the violent protests was the temporary arrest of Acacio Serere Xavante, which was approved by the Federal Supreme Court (STF). Besides attacking the Police headquarters in Brasilia, the Bolsonaristas set cars on fire, broke windows and caused incidents in public spaces in the capital city.

"The criminal, anti-democratic demonstration clearly instigated the population to try to abolish, through the use of violence or serious threats, the Democratic State of Law and prevent the possession of the president-elect," the Attorney General of the Republic stated.

Despite all the incidents, the STF gave Lula da Silva the official diploma certifying him as Brazil's president-elect. The Workers' Party leader and new president of Brazil will assume office on January 1st.

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