

Brazilian Supreme Court orders prison for 140 Bolsonaro supporters

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Judge Alexandre de Moraes (L) inspects the damage caused to public institutions in Brasilia, Brazil, Jan. 2023. | Photo: Twitter/ @NobreJorge2

Brasilia, January 19 (RHC)-- Brazil's Supreme Court has ordered preventive detention for 140 far-right activists who were detained during the attempted coup d'état on January 8th.

Judge Alexandre de Moraes determined that 140 supporters of former President Jair Bolsonaro will remain in a preventive detention regime that does not stipulate a term for sentencing. In this way, the Court seeks to preserve public order.

The detainees will face charges related to participation in terrorist acts, destruction of public property, criminal association, violent abolition of the rule of law, coup d'état, and threat, persecution and incitement to criminal activities.

On Friday, the Supreme Court will announce the legal situation of 1,259 people who remain detained as a result of their participation in the attack on the headquarters of the three branches in Brasilia.

On January 8th, thousands of far-right activists, who do not accept Bolsonaro's defeat in the 2022 elections, invaded and destroyed the headquarters of Congress, the Supreme Court and the Presidency.

Previously, they had been camping for over months at the gates of the barracks, calling on the military to carry out a coup against the Workers' Party leader Lula da Silva.

After the arrests made on January 8th, authorities released 684 people who took part in the attack in Brasilia, mainly because they were elderly, sick or women with children.

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