

Brazilian police initiate fourth operational phase against coup perpetrator

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Troops serving three preventive arrest warrants and 14 search and seizure warrants. | Photo: @policiafederal

Brasília, February 3 (RHC)-- The Brazilian Federal Police initiated this Friday the fourth phase of the operation *Lesas Patria* directed against the coup plotters who participated last January 8 in the attacks against the headquarters of the Presidency, the Congress and the Supreme Court, in the federal capital, Brasília.

Through a statement, the Federal entity pointed out that investigations into these facts continue and stressed that "the operation *Lesas Patria* becomes permanent, with regular updates on the number of warrants issued, people captured and fugitives."

Following the approval by the Federal Supreme Court (STF) of this new police plan, an operation was carried out in the states of Rondônia, Goiás, Espírito Santo, Mato Grosso and São Paulo, as well as in the

Federal District.

Three preventive arrest warrants and 14 search and seizure warrants were executed against suspects suspected of perpetrating a coup d'état after the inauguration of President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva. The suspects are charged with the crimes of coup d'état, violent abolition of the democratic rule of law, incitement to crime, criminal organization and destruction of specially protected property.

Regarding the events of January 8, the Secretary of Public Security of the Federal District (DF), Sandro Avelar, pointed out this Friday that the police forces in charge of containing coup attempts are being investigated to verify if they used the established methods to act in such a context.

"It is necessary to verify if the necessary means were used, the units with competence to deal with this type of demonstration, which apparently did not happen on January 8 and gave rise to these regrettable events, which are under investigation," he said.

On Friday, January 27, the third phase of the operation was carried out, after the STF issued arrest warrants for 11 suspects, as well as search warrants for 27 residences.

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