

Arevalo vs. corrupt political and judicial effort

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Guatemala's president-elect, Bernardo Arévalo, is fighting on two fronts, one to mitigate the prosecution's attacks against him and his party, Movimiento Semilla, and the other to ensure his inauguration on January 14.

The politician insisted since his electoral campaign until today that Guatemala is governed by what he called a "corrupt pact".

Are not Arevalo and his followers the only ones who have denounced this alliance between politicians, congressmen and businessmen accused of promoting impunity.

Social sectors and personalities agree that at the head of this dishonest pact is the Attorney General Consuelo Porras.

The latter and two judges organized a crusade against the winners of this year's elections in Guatemala, where the triumph of a candidate like Arévalo, not coming from the widespread right wing, was not expected.

Arevalo argues that his country is ruled by narco-mayors and narco-deputies as evidence of the penetration of drug trafficking in the different levels of government.

In his argumentation, the first elected president, who defeated a right-wing candidate in the second round of the elections, emphasizes that in the political system they organize themselves to plunder the State.

The positions of the 65 year old sociologist and former diplomat have stirred the elites, from where they viewed with irritation the public demonstrations and roadblocks, demanding respect for democracy, the results of the elections and in favor of the resignation of Attorney General Porras.

Precisely, the president-elect is waiting for the magistrate to resign, because otherwise the judicial onslaught against government officials could continue.

However, despite the depth of the political crisis, Arevalo considers his inauguration in January inevitable, especially since the Constitutional Court ordered Congress to elect the magistrates who had extended their mandate.

Those judges must remain in office until the end of 2024 when their replacements, who may be more reasonable, must be elected.

In the midst of such shocks, Arevalo promises to form a ministerial team with people qualified by their capacity, experience and honesty and not by party affiliation.

And he trusts that the native peoples will become an essential actor in Guatemala to watch over a democratic system threatened by the corrupt pact.

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