

*Roger Waters denounces
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On multiple occasions, Peru's popular sectors have expressed their support for Castillo in peaceful demonstrations. Photo: EFE.

London, March 17 (RHC)-- Roger Waters has denounced economic interests in Peruvian leader Pedro Castillo's imprisonment in Lima.

The British musician assured that he will thoroughly investigate what happened in the case and expressed solidarity with the former Peruvian president, who is in stable condition after suffering mild dehydration due to a hunger strike.

In a message posted on digital platforms, British musician, composer and activist Roger Waters, co-founder of the rock band Pink Floyd, expressed his concern about the current condition of former Peruvian President Pedro Castillo, as well as the international neglect of the political leader's situation, who is being held in Barbadillo Prison while facing trial for alleged rebellion and abuse of authority.

According to Waters, the economic interests of powerful groups in Peru stripped the indigenous union leader of his presidency and imprisoned him. He stated that Castillo's voice is unlikely to be heard in the South American nation, which is why the former president went on a hunger strike that recently caused mild dehydration.

The activist stated that he will launch a thorough investigation to find out everything he can and overcome the Western media's portrayal of the case. He also called on those concerned about human rights and the indigenous peoples of Peru, whom Castillo represented in the executive branch, to join the effort to clarify the facts.

From Pedro Castillo's official account on X, they shared Waters' video along with a message of gratitude for the artist's solidarity and support for the fight to free the man who held the presidency of Peru from July 2021 to December 2022.

Roger Waters highlighted the fact that a leftist, Indigenous union leader was elected to the executive branch "in an extremely right-wing country, where almost all power is in the hands of the richest." At the same time, he noted that his term didn't last long because Castillo attempted to reorganize Congress and was removed from office in December 2022, "since when he has languished in prison," he added.

The Prosecutor's Office is currently seeking 34 years in prison, a three-year and six-month ban from office, and civil damages of approximately \$17 million for the former president. He is the victim of a judicial war waged against him. Since the beginning of his administration, he has been boycotted to prevent him from advancing measures that favored the people and seized power from the oligarchs.

Faced with obstacles from the Peruvian Congress to implement measures of popular interest, Castillo attempted to dissolve the legislative body on December 7, 2022. Consequently, legislators removed him from office and swore in then-Vice President Dina Boluarte as the new president.

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