
Evo Morales condemns dictatorship at news conference in Mexico City

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Mexico City, November 21 (RHC)-- At a press conference held in Mexico City, Bolivia's President-in-exile Evo Morales on Wednesday analyzed the latest consequences of the coup d'etat that allowed opposition senator Jeanine Añez to proclaim herself as interim president.

The Movement to Socialism (MAS) leader began by highlighting that the victims of the repression carried out by the Police and the Army have increased over the last week. "After the coup, they have killed about 30 people. This massacre is part of genocide in our beloved Bolivia," Morales said and stressed: "They are killing my brothers and sisters."

Morales then presented a video in which the number of people killed, in different places and different dates, was detailed. Bolivia's president-in-exile also warned that right-wing groups are trying to hide information about their fascist violence by stealing corpses and manipulating autopsies.

Morales recalled that during his administration, no one was shot dead until the day of his resignation; however, "now, we've seen how helicopters fire at people who are defending democracy."

Meanwhile, Bolivia's military-coup government was posting messages stating that "our military avoided a great tragedy and prevented thousands of El Alto people from dying."??????? This paradoxical interpretation of what happened in Senkata on Tuesday, however, is part of a broader political strategy against Evo Morales and his supporters.

The Añez administration on Wednesday announced that it will file an international complaint against Evo Morales for "crimes against humanity." Besides being blamed for organizing road blockades to prevent food from reaching several cities, the Indigenous leader is being accused of an alleged "possible" bomb attack at the Senkata refinery. All these "destabilizing actions" would have been planned by Morales from Mexico and using his phone.

In a new effort to halt chaos in the Andean country, the Socialist senator Efraín Chamblin on Wednesday presented "the Exceptional and Transitional Bill for National and Subnational Elections," which was referred to the Constitution Commission for its analysis.

This happened shortly after the self-proclaimed president Añez threatened again to call elections through a decree, which would constitute a new rupture of the Bolivian constitution and laws. On the calling for new elections, Morales said that "everything for peace" is admissible, although he also recalled that he won in the first round; therefore he invited the international community to conduct a new audit of the electoral results.

Regarding accusations that he would be fostering terrorism, the MAS leader said he did not know the details of the legal actions against him, which the Añez administration is or will be fostering.

Nevertheless, after recalling the experience of the Bolivian popular struggle in the 1980s and 1990s, Morales pointed out that such misleading practices "are typical of dictatorships."

Bolivia's president-in exile ended his press conference in Mexico City asking the international community not to support the coup d'état, that is, not to behave like the Organization of American States (OAS).

"International organizations should support the most humble and poor people," Morales said and stressed that "we will democratically recover political power, as usual."

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