
Lula Calls to Fight for the Sovereignty of Brazil

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Former President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva called on his people to fight for the sovereignty of Brazil, considering that the Government of Jair Bolsonaro on Friday tries to sell the country.

This was stated by the Secretary of International Relations of the Workers' Party (PT), Monica Valente, after visiting the ex-worker at the headquarters of the Federal Police of Curitiba, southern state of Paraná, where he is serving prison.

'They are selling the country as if it were theirs. President Lula said that we have to fight for national sovereignty because oil belongs to the people. Public banks threatened with privatization are instruments of economic development and social justice', Valente told reporters, alluding to her conversation with the former unionist.

The representative of the PT also spoke about the work for the former president to be nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize.

'Our task at this moment is to reinforce the campaign for the award,' said Valente and recalled that the Argentine Adolfo Pérez Esquivel (also winner of the award in 1980) made the request to the former president last year and 'we will collect signatures of support until January 31'.

She considered that Lula, 'besides being a fortress and an exceptional human being, in a relationship of equal to equal, has a political lucidity about what is happening in Brazil and in the world.'

Valente pointed out that the founder of the PT also aimed not to forget the 47 million votes that candidate Fernando Haddad received in the October elections.

For those people we have to convey the confidence that only the wrestler wins, it has always been that way, she said.

The PT managed to reach the second round of the elections, we cannot forget that. The fight will be tough, but it will be victorious, she assured.

Sensitized by the messages of optimism and strength of Lula, Valente reported having shared a common feeling for many people who visit him.

'Everyone is more excited about how he came' at the PF headquarters in Curitiba, she said, and said he showed the former head of state a list of world personalities who wish to visit him, which shows 'the right side of history and the commitment of all for their liberation.'

Former judge Sergio Moro sentenced Lula in 2017 to nine years and six months in prison for verifying that he received an apartment from the construction company OAS in exchange for political favors for that company.

This sentence was ratified and extended to 12 years and one month by a court of second instance and, subsequently, it was Moro himself who ordered the imprisonment of the former president in April.

From that moment, the defense of Lula has tried multiple resources in different judicial instances to obtain his freedom, but all were denied.

It is expected that at the beginning of 2019 the Supreme Court will place on the agenda again the analysis of a writ of habeas corpus (suspended at the end of November) presented by its defense to release the former president, who denies all charges against him.
