



Bolivia Starts 'Yes' Campaign for Constitutional Reforms



La Paz, December 15 (teleSUR-RHC)-- Bolivian President Evo Morales' campaign to convince Bolivians to vote "Yes" to new constitutional reforms --what would see changes to terms limits allowed for the president and vice president-- will continue on Tuesday as the Movement Toward Socialism intensifies the campaign across the country, local news outlets reported Monday.

The president of the Parliamentary Brigade of La Paz, Javier Quispe, will head MAS' campaign that began preliminary actions December 1st and whose primary objective is to tour the country to inform people of the Morales administration achievements in favor of the masses, including lifting the country from extreme poverty and building one of most stable economies in the region.

During a public event on Sunday in the southeast region of Chuquisaca, Morales said, "We are starting (the campaign), as always, to continue to win more than 50 and 60 percent in the referendum and we'll keep winning."

The referendum, approved by the senate in early November, will ask Bolivians whether a two-term limit for presidents and vice presidents should be amended. The outcome will decide if Morales will be permitted to run for office again.

The Bolivian president and leader of the Movement Towards Socialism (MAS) party has been in power since 2006.



He was then re-elected into power in 2010 after winning 64 percent support, and in 2015 with 60 percent of the vote.

Morales' actual term will end 2020, however the referendum would allow him to run again and possibly serve until 2025, if elected.

President Morales said he will win the referendum and called on his supporters "not to be demoralized" by the recent adverse results suffered by allied countries, Venezuela and Argentina. Both previous left-wing governments lost power to right-wing opposition parties in recent elections.

Morales also encouraged Bolivians to support the reforms and the country's larger, long-term goals under socialism.

On Sunday, Morales also denounced the opposition for running a smear campaign against him ahead of the constitutional referendum. Opposition groups have recently accused the president and his administration of corruption and "nepotism," what Morales called the beginning of a "dirty war."