

# *Peruvian judge orders 36-month detention against Keiko's advisor*

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Lima, November 13 (RHC)-- Peruvian judge Richard Carhuacho has ordered 36 months of preventive detention against lawyer and businessman Vicente Silva Checa, considered an adviser "in the shadow" of opposition leader Keiko Fujimori, while they are being investigated in a case of alleged money laundering.

After a hearing in Lima, the Peruvian capital, the judge ruled that a preventive detention be issued against Silva Checa until November 2021. He argued that the lawyer was an adviser "in the shadow" of Keiko and would have sent the treasurer of the Fuerza Popular party to the Amazonian region of San Martín to obtain people who would conceal money supposedly delivered by the Brazilian construction company Odebrecht.

"There is a serious suspicion of money laundering with respect to Silva Checa in the form of concealment," Carhuacho remarked, before noting that documents related to the investigation of the Lava Jato case in Peru were found at his home. Silva Checa was immediately taken by agents of the Peruvian Police to the cells of the Judicial Branch, waiting to be transferred to the prison provided by the National Penitentiary Institute (INPE).

Vicente Silva Checa was previously accused of being a fixer for the former presidential advisor Vladimiro Montesinos between 2001 and 2002 which resulted in his conviction and a sentence of 29 months in prison, and then another 11 months in house arrest.

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