

Bolsonaro wants to harden Brazil's anti-terrorist law to avoid another Chile



Brasilia, October 26 (RHC)-- Brazil's President Jair Bolsonaro says he has asked Defense Minister Fernando Azevedo to keep the Armed Forces on alert in the event of protests in Brazil similar to those taking place in Chile.

"I spoke with the Defense Minister about the possibility of having demonstrations... similar to those happening in Chile," Bolsonaro said and warned that "we are ready to use Article 142 of the Constitution to keep law and order."

The far-right president considers that the law currently in force excludes "social movements" from of the list of legal subjects that could be accused of terrorism.

"In the past they put a comma in the definition of terrorist acts [and left out] social movements. This cannot happen," Bolsonaro said and added that "if sanctions are tough, such actions will not happen." And Bolsonaro said that Brazil "is not free from having problems similar to Chile."

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