

At least 12 dead following coup in Bolivia



La Paz, November 15 (RHC)-- At least 12 Bolivians have been killed and more than 530 injured by the violence that escalated in Bolivia following the coup against constitutional president Evo Morales, denounced the Ombudsman's Office.

The human rights agency explained on its official website that among the injured are women, children, adolescents and journalists. In turn, the institution -- created in 1994 by constitutional mandate -- posted on its Twitter account that on November 11th and 12th, five Bolivians were killed.

Of those deaths, four were due to the gunshots fired by the Armed Forces and the Police, and one due to suffocation by strangulation, the Ombudsman's Office explained on its digital platform.

The events that forced Evo Morales's resignation and consummated the coup d'état were unquestionably violent, as reported in an article published on the Mision Verdad webpage. Opposition gangs attacked numerous politicians of the ruling Movement Towards Socialism, looted Morales' house, and burned the residences of several high-level politicians, according to the report.

Evo Morales announced his resignation as president on November 10th to stop the bloodshed, however, during a press conference in Mexico -- a country that granted him political asylum to preserve his life -- he acknowledged that his decision did not halt the social upheaval.

In that sense, Morales called on the military to stop the bloodshed and initiate a national dialogue.

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