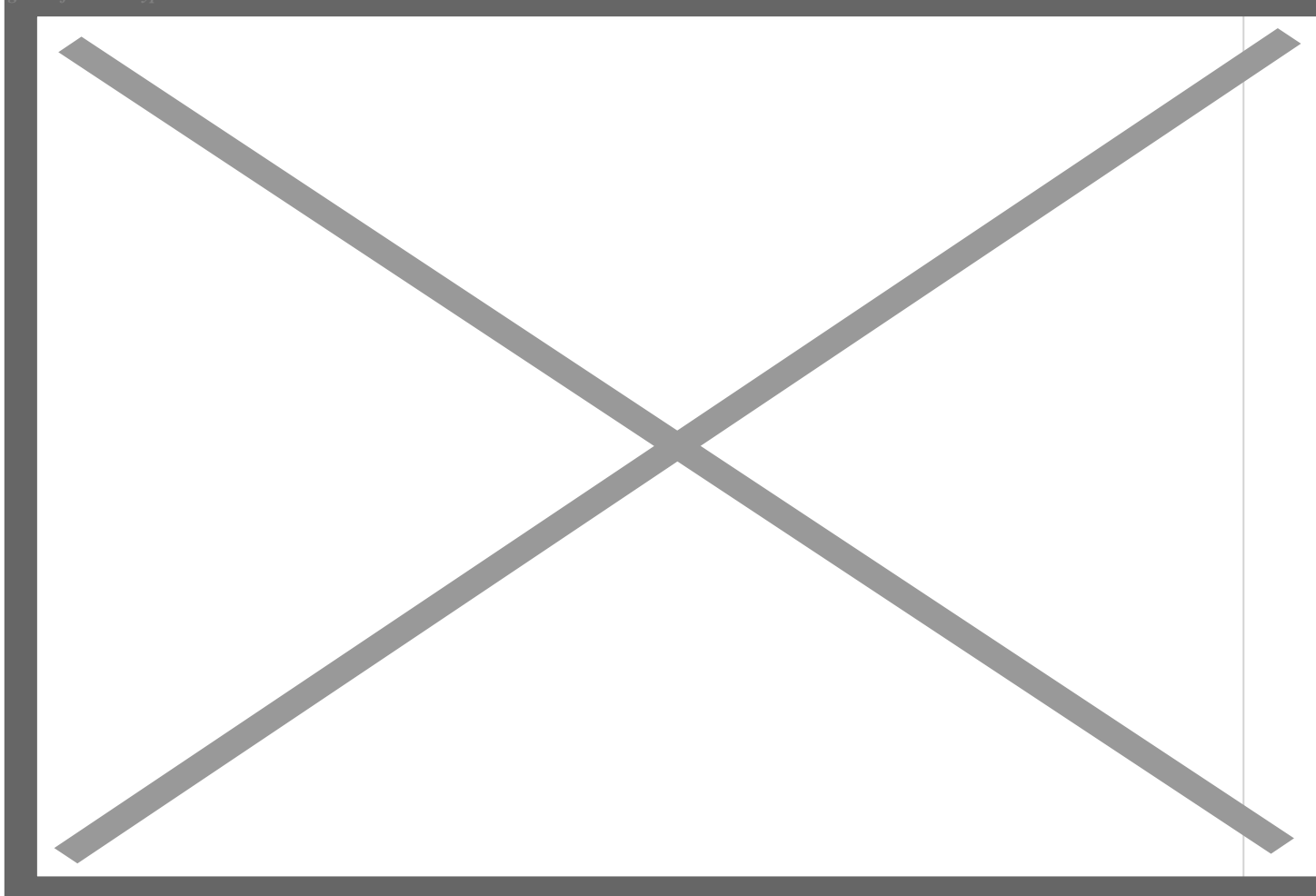


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La Paz, November 11 (RHC)-- The former president of Bolivia, Evo Morales, has defended the exploitation of natural and strategic resources as a legitimate way to recover the sovereignty and dignity of the peoples against the subjugation of U.S. imperialism.

In his intervention before thousands of supporters in Chimoré, Cochabamba -- one year after being forced to leave the South American country after the coup d'état -- Evo Morales explained that the United States did not forgive that its government could achieve economic development without following the capitalist model.

Evo indicated that the essential thing was that it was demonstrated that an administration coming from the indigenous structure achieved successful development without following the prevailing recipes of the global capitalist entities such as the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

Morales emphasized that it is not only an economic struggle against imperialism but also an "ideological, cultural and programmatic struggle" that demands change in order to recover the sovereignty and identity of the peoples.

At the Chimoré Airport, from where he left exactly one year ago for Mexico City, he insisted that the coup d'état was to put an end to his alternative model of economic development that in recent years had great success, something that U.S. imperialism could not forgive.

He expressed that the great transnationals tried to steal the natural resources that his government had nationalized for their exploitation, destined for the improvement of the Bolivian people.

Evo called on the majority of the MAS in the parliament to question the president of the Supreme Electoral Tribunal (TSE), Salvador Romero, whom he accused of trying to "hide the results" of the October 18th elections.

"In less than a year we have recovered democracy, we have returned to government. This is something unprecedented, historic, unique in the world," he recalled.

Evo Morales arrived at Villa Tunari at dawn, after leading a car caravan that began on Monday in Villazon, passed through Uyuni and Orinoca, to arrive at the Chimoré airport, where one year ago he said goodbye to his homeland to take refuge in Mexico.

At the conclusion of his return tour to Bolivia on Wednesday, Evo Morales made a long presentation of the United States' onslaught to halt the development of the South American country in association with the right-wing that orchestrated the coup.

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