

Venezuelan Parliament orders Guaidó to appear



Caracas, March 6 (RHC)-- Venezuela's National Assembly will order the appearance of former opposition deputy Juan Guaidó, as well as other people from his political entourage, in relation to an investigation of an alleged "corruption scheme."

The list includes 37 self-proclaimed "diplomatic representatives" of the former head of the National Assembly abroad, during the period in which he proclaimed himself as "interim president" of the South American country, as well as several lawyers who have served as advisors to the former deputy, such as Enrique Sánchez Falcón and Jose Ignacio Hernández.

The information was offered by the president of the Special Commission investigating "damages against the nation" between 2016-2021, José Brito, who asked this Thursday the plenary of the National

Assembly to order the appearance, starting next week, of Juan Guaidó and 61 other people linked to the opposition.

Brito also asked the parliament for a special 45-day extension to continue with the investigation on the alleged corruption scheme led by Guaidó, as a result of "the countless denunciations" he has received.

Meanwhile, the Comptroller of the Republic, Elvis Amoroso, highlighted that the deeds committed by Guaidó and the deputies of the previous legislature of the National Assembly (led in its last stretch by Guaidó), led the moral power to "rethink the revision of the laws that punish acts of corruption and mafias".

"We had never had in our history facts of corruption as those committed by Juan Guaidó and his gang. They enriched themselves at the expense of the nation," highlighted Amoroso during the presentation before the Parliament of the management report corresponding to the year 2020.

Among the laws that the Comptroller proposed to reform "as a matter of urgency" are the Law Against Corruption, the Organic Law of the General Controller of the Republic and the National System of Fiscal Control, the Law Against Organized Crime, the Organic Code of Criminal Procedure and the Law of the Statute of the Public Servant.

According to Amoroso: "We must evolve in the loyal texts, we cannot stay in the only criminal sanction, we must seek that corrupt officials, even if they are imprisoned, seek the way to compensate the patrimonial damage they have done to the country" and already this year 216 actions have been requested to "continue dismantling the corruption scheme that starred former deputies of the Venezuelan opposition", inside and outside the nation.

Guaidó is accused of participating in the appropriation of Citgo, a subsidiary of Petróleos de Venezuela (PDVSA) in the United States; the company Monómeros located in Colombia, state money blocked in international banks and humanitarian aid sent to the country, among other causes.

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