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Brasilia, June 27 (RHC)-- Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro reacted Saturday to the accusations made the day before by the Senate's Parliamentary Commission of Inquiry (CPI), which discussed alleged irregularities in the purchase of the Covaxin vaccine from an Indian laboratory.

Bolsonaro attacked the Commission alluding that the investigations it advances are lies, "it is useless for them to attack, invent or want to slander us because they will not succeed. Only one thing gets me out of

Brasilia, our God. They will not win in offices, nor by inventing narratives", he added.

The statements came after a new march with motorcyclists in support of his government, as he did weeks ago in Brasilia (capital), Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo, and he delivered, without nasobuco, a speech before dozens of people crowded in the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic, which is still out of control in the country.

The fact is generated in his worst moment of popularity since 2019, the year he took office, and one day after two key testimonies in the Senate commission that seeks responsibilities for the worsening of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The case that has directly splashed Bolsonaro deals with irregularities committed in the contract of intent to purchase 20 million doses of Covaxin vaccine, manufactured by the Indian pharmaceutical company Bharat Biotech, denounced last Friday in the Parliamentary Commission by the deputy Luis Miranda and his brother, Ricardo Miranda, head of imports of the Ministry of Health.

The legislator also revealed that last March he reported these alleged irregularities to Bolsonaro himself, who, according to his testimony, acknowledged that the matter was "serious" and promised to put it in the hands of the Police, which apparently did not happen.

After the discussion the day before, the leadership of the investigative commission is now considering reporting directly to the Supreme Court on the indications of an alleged crime of prevarication committed by Bolsonaro.

The president lashed out Saturday against the members of the commission: "We have a commission of rogues who do not want to investigate who received the money (for federal resources sent to states and municipalities to combat the pandemic), only who sent the money (referring to his government)."

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