

Disapproval of Iván Duque reaches 75 % in Colombia



The Colombian president's approval dropped three points compared to June, reaching 20. | Photo: BBC

Bogota, September 4 (RHC)-- Colombian pollster Invamer revealed on Wednesday that President Iván Duque's disapproval stands at 75 percent, the second highest figure since he began his administration in August 2018.

In this regard, the president's approval dropped three points compared to June, reaching 20 points, the second lowest figure since he began his administration, after reaching 18 approval points in May this

year.

Duque's cabinet also obtained negative data in the survey. Colombia's vice-president and foreign minister, Marta Lucía Ramírez, obtained 57 percent disapproval, higher than the 52 percent recorded last June.

The data indicating that her management is favorable also dropped from 27 percent to 19 percent, this being the lowest peak the official has had since August 2018. The Minister of Defense, Diego Molano, obtained 26 percent disapproval, the highest since he took office, while his approval is at 14 percent. For his part, the Minister of Health, Fernando Ruiz, had a drop from 13 percent to 7 in his approval.

Figures provided by Invamer indicated that 77 percent of those consulted consider that the social situation in Colombia is worsening. They also stated that the main problems in the country are corruption, unemployment and security. Despite the fact that the epidemiological situation has been complex, it was not ranked as a primary indicator in the country.

Public order and security, as one of the biggest problems in the country, rose three percentage points, from 12 percent in June to 15 percent in August, amidst the increase in violence registered during the Duque administration.

In view of this situation, the National Administrative Department of Statistics (Dane) indicated that Colombia went from having 8,560,000 people in multidimensional poverty, in 2019, to 9,040,000 in 2020.

Meanwhile, during the recent protests in Colombia against Duque's policies, which are still ongoing, the non-governmental organization (NGO) Temblores recorded that, from April 28 to July 15, 4,852 cases of police violence were reported in the country.

These data are in addition to the more than 100 social leaders murdered in the country so far this year, according to data from the Institute for Development and Peace Studies (Indepaz).

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