

Peruvian Congress rejects admission of motion of vacancy against President Pedro Castillo



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The motion of vacancy was rejected by the Peruvian Congress

Lima, December 7 (RHC)-- The Plenary of the Peruvian Congress rejected this Tuesday the admission of the motion of vacancy against President Pedro Castillo, presented by the right-wing parties on November 25.

Through its account on the social network Twitter, the Congress detailed that the measure had 76 votes against, 46 in favor and four abstentions.

Motion 1222 proposed to declare the permanent moral incapacity of President Castillo and was presented by the Avanza País, Fuerza Popular and Renovación Popular parties, which represent a third of the Parliament.

The session also included the interpellation of the Minister of Education, Carlos Gallardo Gómez, who responded to a list of ten questions on the alleged irregularities that occurred in his sector in the application of the Single National Teacher Evaluation Test 2021.

Representatives of the parties Perú Libre, Juntos por el Perú and Nuevo Perú, and from the center, Podemos Perú, Somos Perú and Partido Morado had expressed that they would reject the petition.

In order for the vacancy motion to be admitted, 52 votes of the 130 legislators were required, which is less than the number of votes of the three parties promoting the request.

This is the fifth presidential impeachment motion presented by the Peruvian Parliament in four years, under the figure of "permanent moral incapacity", contemplated in the Constitution for cases of mental incapacity of the head of state and now interpreted as lack of ethics.

As a consequence, Peru has lived, since the 2016 elections, a political crisis in which it has had five presidents in the last four years, as well as three different Parliaments.

March in favor of Pedro Castillo

In the middle of the parliamentary debate, the Front for Democracy and Governance called for a march against the vacancy to President Castillo.

The Magisterial and Popular Party denounced that the legislators of the right wing have promoted the motion of vacancy in order not to let the President govern and remove him from the Presidency.

According to the representative of the Magisterial and Popular Party, Mary Coila, her organization has seen an obstructionist and coup-plotting Congress, assuring that the people are tired and, for this reason, the Congress has more than 70 percent of rejection.

The Peruvian president announced last week that he would meet with the leaders of the parties present in Parliament, however, the right-wing Keiko Fujimori and other representatives linked to the right refused to talk to him.

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