Trial of Bolivian right-wing leader Jeanine Añez postponed

Anez assassin. You won't escape justice!!

La Paz, February 10 (RHC)-- The trial for the "Coup d'Etat II" case against the former de facto ruler of Bolivia, Jeanine Áñez, was postponed this Thursday in La Paz after the proceedings began. Reports from La Paz say that the court failed to be installed due to "technical difficulties."

The court was set to begin virtually on Thursday due to COVID-19 restrictions. But Anez's lawyers, who have demanded that the trial be held in person, were able to secure a postponement, without setting a new date.

Anez has been held in prison for 11 months in pre-trial detention and could be sentenced to 12 years in prison if she is found guilty of the charges of unconstitutionally assuming the presidency in November 2019 following the removal of Evo Morales, who was overthrown in a military-backed coup.

Dueling protests took place outside the court on Thursday. One group of Anez's supporters demanded her release, while another called for her conviction.

Morales' Movement Toward Socialism won the 2020 elections with 55 percent of the vote. Bolivia is now governed by President Luis Arce, Morales' chosen candidate. Anez had dropped out of the election after plunging in the polls.

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