

Bolivian court rejects appeal filed by Jeanine Áñez



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La Paz, May 27 (RHC)-- The Constitutional Court of Bolivia rejected Thursday an appeal of unconstitutionality raised by the former de facto president, Jeanine Áñez, in the case of Coup d'Etat II.

The Minister of Justice of Bolivia, Ivan Lima, said that this process opened against Áñez accuses her of several crimes committed prior to her self-proclamation as president of Bolivia.

"The Constitutional Tribunal has already notified a specific action of unconstitutionality that had been presented by the defense of Mrs. Áñez in relation to the crimes for which she is being judged, resolutions contrary to the Constitution and breach of duties, has been rejected by the Admission Commission of the Constitutional Tribunal", said Lima in a press conference.

The head of the Justice portfolio asked the competent authorities to continue with the process against the former de facto president belonging to the demand of the Bolivian people for Memory, Truth and Justice, complying with the standards of due process.

The trial against Áñez for the events surrounding the coup d'état of 2019 was suspended approximately 21 days ago in response to the appeal filed by the defense of the accused, so the hearing in which the court will rule against her is still awaited.

The former official has been detained in the penitentiary of La Paz since March 2021, first accused of terrorism, sedition and conspiracy in the case of Coup d'Etat I, for which four months of preventive detention was ordered and later extended to six months.

Regarding the process named Coup d'Etat II, Áñez is being investigated for actions carried out when she was vice-president of the Upper House, which allowed her to access the presidency in 2019 in an irregular manner.

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