

# *Former Peruvian President Pedro Castillo asks to meet with IACHR delegation*

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The former president, who is facing a judicial process for the alleged crime of rebellion, said in a message posted on his Twitter account that he is "arbitrarily deprived" of his rights and decided to publish a statement written by his lawyer Wilfredo Robles Rivera before the visit of the IACHR delegation.

In the letter, the legal representative reminds the commission of the request for a meeting on December 20th and noted that, despite the commitment of the IACHR, no contacts with Castillo have been established.

Robles Rivera demanded the IACHR to avoid politicization in favor of "the interests of the de facto government," headed by the designated president Dina Boluarte.

This Thursday concludes the technical visit of the executive secretary of the IACHR, Tania Reneaum, and her team, who have held meetings with state authorities and organizations to receive information on the institutional crisis in the Andean country.

Since last December 7th, Peru has been experiencing intense mobilizations demanding new elections, the closure of the Congress and the release of Castillo, who was removed from office by the parliament, which appointed Boluarte, who was serving as vice-president of the country, in his place.

The social protests have been repressed by police and military forces, with a toll of at least 27 dead and dozens of injured and detained.

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