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Camacho, known for his invocations to God and attachment to a bible, is implicated in the Coup d'état one case, for intervening in what the Prosecutor's Office and social movements point out as terrorist acts that precipitated the coup d'état against former president Evo Morales in 2019.

The Santa Cruz governor was one of the obvious faces of the conspiracies and riots against Evo Morales.

It is documented that he traveled on those dates from Santa Cruz to La Paz with the letter of resignation of the president in his hand, and he raided the access of the de facto governor Jeanine Áñez.

The Bolivian authorities explained that Camacho's recent arrest in Santa Cruz was ordered after previous court summons were exhausted without a positive response.

It should be recalled that after the inauguration of Áñez, massacres occurred in the towns of Sacaba and Senkata, resulting in 38 deaths, hundreds of wounded and flagrant human rights violations.

The Prosecutor's Office rejected the accusation of kidnapping or political persecution and presented the arrest warrant issued in October by a judge in La Paz.

Under a precautionary measure of preventive detention for a period of six months while investigations continue, Camacho is also the target of allegations of material damages and violations of citizens' prerogatives during an opposition strike in Santa Cruz at the end of 2022.

The representative of the business elites of the eastern part of the country shows off his ultra-right positions, to which social organizations and feminist groups accuse him of misogyny.

Surrounded by extremists, it is no coincidence that his followers committed acts of vandalism in Santa Cruz following the arrest of their hero.

In the midst of this violence, Bolivian authorities rejected the idea of an attack on the rule of law and insist that justice must be served on the accused.

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