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Argentineans continue to express their support for Vice President Cristina Fernandez, the object of a political persecution that, transferred to the judicial level, has fabricated false accusations to remove her from the political life of the country and prevent her participation in electoral processes.

Under the slogan "The city with Cristina", the meeting took place in Buenos Aires, the third of its kind in recent months, in addition to those held on March 11 and April 1.

Likewise, on the 13th, hundreds of people mobilized in the capital, in the surroundings of the Courthouse to demand a judicial reform and the end of the aggressions against Fernandez.

Last December the former president received a sentence of six years of imprisonment and perpetual disqualification from holding public office, for alleged irregularities in the awarding of 51 works between 2003 and 2015, facts that the vice-president rejected and denied during the three-year hearing.

Cristina Fernández denounced the existence of a mafia, a parallel state and on several occasions pointed out that the sentence was already written. In fact, the prosecutors involved in the case are linked to the former right-wing president Mauricio Macri.

All this in the midst of an intense media campaign, it was sought that the Argentine society would believe in the false news that day by day flooded the mainstream media to discredit, criminalize and undermine the popular support it enjoys.

A scandal unleashed in December showed the veracity of Fernandez's allegations. In October, several judges, politicians and businessmen made a paid trip to Bariloche, to the estate of a British tycoon friend of Macri. The group included Judge Julian Ercolini, the investigator of the case against the vice-president.

Furthermore, last September, Fernandez was the victim of a frustrated attack at the door of her house. The alleged masterminds have not been formally charged, and as denounced in the meeting in Buenos Aires, the judiciary has not said what happened.

The persecution against the former president is another chapter of a plan that has gained strength in recent years in Latin America and has had disastrous consequences for democracy and human rights.

Popular leaders who seek the welfare of their peoples are being targeted; this is also the case of Luiz Inácio Lula Da Silva, in Brazil, and others. The former union leader was also accused of alleged acts of corruption and the Brazilian justice system committed numerous arbitrary acts against him.

Irregularities admitted by the decision of the Federal Supreme Court that in 2021 annulled the convictions for alleged corruption against Lula Da Silva and restored his political rights.

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