

Brazilian government to demarcate new indigenous lands



Brasilia, September 5 (RHC)-- This Tuesday, Amazon Day, the president of Brazil, Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, announced the demarcation of several indigenous territories, fulfilling one of his campaign promises, according to the head of state the territories will be known today during the signing of the corresponding decrees at the Planalto Palace in Brasilia.

During his program for social networks "Talk with the President," the leftist leader affirmed: "September 5 is the day of the Amazon (...). We are going to have an activity at the Planalto Palace with Minister Marina (Silva) and Minister (Sonia) Guajajara and we are going to demarcate some indigenous and environmental protection issues."

On heavy April, Lula demarcated six portions of indigenous lands during an inspection to the Free Land Camp in Brasília, and it was the first demarcation to take place after Bolsonaro stopped the processes of approval of new territories.

This new land release comes in the context of the Supreme Court's judgment on the application of the "time frame" thesis for the demarcation of indigenous lands, a legal debate that analyzes indigenous rights to ancestral lands.

This controversial issue directly confronts the indigenous peoples and the strong agricultural sector, since in order to recognize an area as indigenous territory, it is necessary to prove that the natives occupied the land when the 1988 Constitution was enacted.

So far, four magistrates have voted against the application of the "time frame" thesis, two are in favor and five have not yet voted.

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