

Venezuelan Top Court Confirms Constituent Assembly Will Go Ahead



Caracas, June 13 (RHC)-- Venezuela's top court has rejected an appeal filed by the country's attorney general, confirming that the National Constituent Assembly called by President Nicolas Maduro to rewrite the Constitution will continue as planned.

"The Electoral Chamber declared inadmissible the legal action exercised by the Attorney General of the Republic for inept accumulation of claims," Venezuela's Supreme Court announced on its Twitter account to 81,400 followers.

Attorney General Luisa Ortega Diaz filed an appeal to the Supreme Court calling on justices to halt the National Constituent Assembly, deepening tensions between her office and the Maduro government.

Maduro called the National Constituent Assembly last month in a move to promote dialogue amid an ongoing wave of opposition protests that have increasingly turned violent. The announcement has further ignited flared tensions, as opposition leaders have refused to back the process.

The National Constituent Assembly's 545 members, including regional and sectoral representatives, are

set to be elected on July 30. Maduro has vowed that the new Constitution resulting from the constituent assembly process will be approved in a referendum.

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