

Bolivia investigates foreign participation in 2019 coup d'état

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Weapons received by Bolivia's de facto government in 2019 served for repression like the one unleashed in Senkata and Sacaba | Photo: @evoespueblo

La Paz, July 19 (RHC)-- The Government of Bolivia says that it continues to investigate whether Chile and Brazil had any involvement in the coup against the constitutional president, Evo Morales in November 2019, after verifying the shipment of weaponry from Ecuador and Argentina to support the illegal coup president, Jeanine Añez.

The Bolivian government spokesman, Jorge Richter, said: "We will investigate the relations that may have existed at that time in terms of aid and contributions from Chile and Brazil."

The former president of Argentina, Mauricio Macri, was already accused of having helped with arms and ammunition to the de facto government of Jeanine Áñez, which at that time repressed the protests that rejected the coup and demanded the Constitutional recovery of the country.

In fact, Argentina's Minister of Defense, Agustín Rossi, assured that there is "semi-full proof" that Macri sent war material to Bolivia in 2019, allegedly constituting the crimes of aggravated smuggling and cover-up. "We believe there is sufficient evidence to charge Macri and a group of his officials," Rossi added.

Bolivian President Luis Arce affirmed in recent days that in October and November 2019 a "coup d'état" against Evo Morales was brewing and that this initiative was supported by the U.S. government and U.S. NGOs. Arce also pointed to Argentina during the administration of Mauricio Macri.

For his part, former Bolivian President Evo Morales said that Macri should be tried "in Bolivia or wherever to defend democracy in Latin America" and so that "there will never again be coups" in the region as happened in 2019 against his government.

In this sense, Evo Morales branded the former Argentinean president as an "agent of the empire" and affirmed that "the CIA hired Argentinean intelligence for the coup d'état" against him.

Earlier, in June, the Bolivian government also blamed the then Ecuadorian president Lenín Moreno for having sent "war ammunition" and anti-riot equipment to Bolivia.

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