

Bolivian government minister appeals sentence against Áñez

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Minister Castillo challenges court decision for Áñez's crimes against the Constitution and the Bolivian people. | Photo: @MindeGobierno

La Paz, July 20 (RHC)-- The Bolivian Minister of Government, Eduardo del Castillo, has announced that he will present an appeal to the sentence imposed to former de facto president Jeanine Áñez, as he considers that it does not fully satisfy what is stipulated by law.

"Each of the actions carried out by Mrs. Áñez between November 10 and 12, 2019, manifests the Penal Code in force that she should be given a sentence of 15 years of deprivation of liberty," Castillo asserted at a press conference.

The minister challenged the decision of the court that last June imposed 10 years of imprisonment to the official, accused of the crimes of resolutions against the Constitution and breach of duties within the case

known as "Coup d'Etat II".

"In the next few months, the court order will be determined or will be issued," concluded Castillo.

Áñez was the choice of the Bolivian extreme right wing to take the place of President-elect Evo Morales in 2019, forcibly removed from office by high military and police commanders in complicity with foreign organizations and powers.

After assuming the presidency, Jeanine Áñez unleashed a relentless persecution against supporters of Evo Morales and members of the organization Movimiento al Socialismo (MAS). She is especially accused of the Senkata and Sacaba massacres during the coup d'état, when dozens of Bolivians lost their lives in confrontations with the repressive forces.

For its part, Áñez's defense filed in Sucre an appeal against the primary sentence, whose main argument is political interference.

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