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Court Applies to Extradite Gonzalo Sánchez de Lozada

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The district attorney's office has applied to extradite the ex-president of Bolivia, Gonzalo Sánchez de Lozada, from the USA, so he can be brought to justice for crimes against humanity.

The prosecutor is also calling for the extradition of two ex-ministers, Carlos Sánchez Berzaín and Jorge Berindoague. They have been in the USA since October 2003.

All three men are being charged with genocide, homicide, humiliation and torture, inflicting injuries of varying degrees, deprivation of freedom and forcefully raiding homes.

The prosecutor's case was suggested by the Public Minister, who hopes that the crimes of the men being accused will be sufficient to win the extradition.

The prosecutor is Ramiro Guerrero, the general district attorney of the State. Yesterday, he presented the case for the ex-president's extradition for the second time. The first time, in 2012, his case was rejected.

It was rejected as some of the statistics and legal statements in the application didn't match with the USA's legal legislation.

He arrived at 11am at the Supreme Court of Justice together with Orlando Riveros, the supreme district attorney. They presented a document with over 1900 pages of evidence backing up their case for extradition.

The document will be analysed by the Sala Plena faction of the highest court of Bolivia. They will decide democratically whether the extradition is viable or not.