POLITICO President Hugo Banzer has said that the forthcoming election of July may be suspended if political and electoral violence increases. He said that the government is doing everything to guarantee the tranquility of the country. These remarks were made by the Bolivian president during a program over the state-owned television network. Banzer has been in power 7 years and hopes to hand over the government to the candidate who wins the elections on 9 July. The Bolivian president also publicly stated his support for the official candidate, Gen Juan Pineda Abarca.

REPORTS CONFLICT OR DETAILS OF FALLEN OBJECT

[Summary] We have received another phone call from our audience requesting confirmation of reports that an unidentified object fell in Bolivian territory near the Argentine border. We can only say that Argentine and Uruguayan radio stations are reporting on this even more frequently, saying that Bolivian authorities have urgently requested assistance from the U.S. National Aeronautics and Space Administration in order to determine the nature of the object which crashed on a hill in Bolivian territory. Just a few minutes ago Radio El Espectador of Fontevideo announced that there was uncertainty as to the truth of these reports.

Argentine sources indicated that the border with Bolivia had been closed but that it might soon be reopened. They also reported that an unidentified object had fallen on Bolivian soil near the Argentine border and that local Bolivian authorities had requested aid from the central government which, in turn, had sought assistance from the U.S. National Aeronautics and Space Administration to investigate the case.

A La Paz newspaper said today that there is great interest in learning about the nature of the fallen object, adding that local authorities for security reasons had cordoned off 200 km around the spot where the object fell. The object is said to be a technical device with a diameter of almost 14 meters which has already been brought to Teriqa. There is interest in determining the accuracy of these reports which have spread quickly throughout the continent, particularly in Bolivia and its neighboring countries. Is it a satellite, a meteor or a false alarm?

ELECTRICAL CIRCUIT WILL NOT SUBMIT TO IIEB PRESSURES

[Text] Responding to a declaration issued by the national assembly of the Bolivian Socialist Party (PSC) recently held in Cochabamba, members of the National Electoral Court have stated that "they have always been willing to resign their posts."

They warned, however, that they will definitely not submit to "pressures from political parties" and they added that "they know the path of dignity and will use their mandate at the proper time, not just they way the current selfishness."
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