

Significant Cases of Global Arms Trade

Argentinian Ammo for Bolivian Massacre

Key Data:

Years: 2019

Involved Countries: Bolivia; Argentina

Weapon Systems: 40.000 Bullets

Arms Producers:

Perpetrators/Involved Parties:

Victims/Affected: Massacre in Sacaba and Senkata

Main article

Introduction:

In November 2019, Bolivia experienced a political crisis that led to the resignation of the country's president, Evo Morales. Following the resignation, the interim government of Jeanine Áñez was accused of committing human rights violations against indigenous communities in the country, particularly in the cities of Sacaba and Senkata. The interim government has been accused of using arms supplied by Argentina to suppress the protests that followed the political crisis. This paper will examine the accusations against Argentina, the involvement of former President Mauricio Macri, and the implications of such accusations for international law and human rights.

Argentina's Alleged Arms Shipment to Bolivia:

In July 2021, the Argentine government filed a complaint against former President Mauricio Macri and nine former officials of his government for the irregular shipment of war ammunition to the Bolivian coup regime of Jeanine Áñez in November 2019 [7]. The complaint alleges that Macri's government supplied arms that were used to put down protests in the wake of President Morales's overthrow, resulting in indigenous massacres in the cities of Sacaba and Senkata. The accusations against Argentina are not new. In November 2019, former President Evo Morales accused Argentina of supporting the coup in Bolivia and of providing arms to the interim government [1]. The accusation was later denied by the Argentine government.

Arms Companies and Human Rights:

The accusations against Argentina highlight the role of arms companies in deadly conflicts marred by serious human rights violations. Many of the companies investigated supply arms to countries accused of committing war crimes and serious human rights violations, such as Saudi Arabia and the UAE [3]. The role of arms companies in such conflicts has been an issue of concern for human rights organizations for a long time. The European Center for Constitutional and Human Rights (ECCHR) filed a complaint to the International Criminal Court (ICC), accusing multinational arms companies of complicity in war crimes through legal arms supplies. The accusations against Argentina underscore the need for stricter

regulations and accountability mechanisms for arms companies to prevent their complicity in human rights violations.

Implications for International Law and Human Rights:

The accusations against Argentina[2] have implications for international law and human rights. International law recognizes the right to self-determination of peoples, including indigenous peoples. The use of force to suppress the legitimate protests of indigenous communities violates this right and constitutes a violation of international law. The use of arms supplied by Argentina adds to the gravity of the violation and highlights the responsibility of states to prevent the supply of arms to regimes involved in human rights violations. The accusations against Argentina also underscore the need for accountability mechanisms for states and individuals responsible for such violations, including through the ICC and national courts.

Conclusion:

The accusations against Argentina of supplying arms to Bolivia's coup regime used in indigenous massacres like Sacaba and Senkata raise important questions about the role of arms companies in deadly conflicts marred by serious human rights violations, the

Commentary

Based on our research, it appears that the government of former Argentine President Mauricio Macri has been accused by Bolivia's current government of supplying arms, ammunition, and gas canisters to the coup regime that took over after the ousting of former Bolivian President Evo Morales. These arms were allegedly used in the repression of anti-coup protests in Sacaba and Senkata, resulting in numerous deaths [11][12].

It is important to note that these accusations have not yet been proven in a court of law, and the Argentine government has denied any involvement in the alleged arms smuggling [1][13]. However, the fact that the Bolivian government has publicly accused Argentina of involvement in the repression of its citizens raises serious legal and human rights concerns.

International law prohibits the transfer of arms to countries or groups that are likely to use them to violate human rights or engage in armed conflict. If the accusations against the Argentine government are proven, they would be in violation of international law and would have contributed to the commission of serious human rights violations in Bolivia.

It is important that a thorough investigation be conducted to determine the veracity of these accusations and hold those responsible accountable for any wrongdoing. Additionally, countries that supply arms to other nations must ensure that their exports are not used to violate human rights or engage in armed conflict, and should be held accountable for any violations.

In conclusion, the allegations that the Argentine government supplied arms to the coup regime in Bolivia, which were used in the repression of anti-coup protests and the commission of human rights violations, are serious and require a full investigation. Any violations of international law must be addressed and those responsible held accountable for their actions.

Additional Information / Sources

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[12] "Bolivia's Foreign Ministry has published documents that show how the government of Argentina, under President Mauricio Macri, supplied the bullets used by the Añez dictatorship used to repress anti-coup protests across the country, including in Sacaba and Senkata, where numerous protesters were shot dead."

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