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Sisters, Brothers,

Grace and Peace,

Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them.

Matthew 20:25

Under the thought, that partnership is about sharing our joy and sadness. We inform that in our country a political war has started that will affect the life of the whole country.

Surely, you have received the news of the new Legislative Assembly that was installed May the first, of this year, the dismissal of the Magistrates of the Supreme Court of Justice, Constitutional Chamber that makes up the Judiciary; as well as, the Attorney General of the Republic.

This clearly has been an act of political coup, with the objective to absorb dominance of the government in the three powers of the state.

**Legislative Power:** Made up mostly of deputies from the New Ideas party, the official party of the President of the Republic.

**Judicial Power:** Now under the rule of the government.

**Executive Power:** Under the leadership of President Nayib Bukele.

We are concerned about the effects that these authoritarian decisions will harm our people. The discomfort is more among the conscious sectors, because in general the president has a strong popular power, won by great publicity and by playing with the hunger of the people, distributing food.

We are praying, we need and ask your accompaniment, we remain vigilant and will inform what continues to happen.

Thanks, blessings,

P.D. I attach a note on the comment of this reality from the Central American University José Simeón Cañas, UCA.

Bishop, Medardo Gómez  
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## **Principal of the Uca: "it is usurpation of power"**

**Organizations reiterated that they are unaware of the new appointments in the constitutional chamber and the prosecutor.**

"We categorically reject the actions of the Legislative Assembly, because they put the peace and well-being of Salvadorans at risk." With that phrase, the rector of the José Simeón Cañas Central American University (UCA), Andreu Oliva, began a conference in which more than 50 civil society organizations reiterated their decision not to recognize the new Constitutional Chamber and the new Attorney General of the Republic.

Oliva said that the country is at risk after the non-separation of powers, since by having a Chamber and an Attorney General and a Chamber Office submissive to what is dictated by the Presidency, the Judicial Power loses independence.

"We cannot recognize the Chamber they named, which is not a Chamber but is a usurpation of a power that does not correspond to them. Nor can we recognize the Attorney General" Oliva mentioned.

Through a statement, representatives of 54 social organizations expressed their dissatisfaction for the attack that the Legislative Assembly and the Presidency of the Republic carried out over the weekend against the Judicial Power, specifically against the Constitutional Chamber and the Attorney General of the Republic.

"At this time it is not about defending specific people; it is about defending the Rule of Law that guarantees the human rights of the entire population," they denounced.

The organizations demanded that the Legislative Assembly back down and "restore democratic order."

They also asked the population to react to what is happening. "They are usurping functions, we do not want to get to the 80s where one party dominated the Constitutional Chamber, the Court, the Attorney General and did what they wanted with our population," questioned Ovidio Mauricio, from the organization Tutela Legal María Julia Hernández.

According to Oliva, with the dismissal of the previous Attorney and the imposition of a new one, they have tried to have an official related to them and not to pursue any of the open investigations. "Having an Attorney in favor means that the Government will not be accused of corruption, or of violation of the Constitution and not complying with the laws. Something that he has done for a year and six months; having a prosecutor in his favor is to seek and make a pact for impunity ", emphasized Oliva.