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Venezuelan Supreme Court Confirms 8 Opposition Electoral Wins Challenged

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The court said it had received requests for six protective mechanisms to suspend the elections results of six legislative districts in three states of the country.

MUD Executive Secretary Jesus Torrealba called the move "continuation of the Dec. 22 judicial coup," when the coalition alleged the ruling party had filed an appeal in the Supreme Court against the proclamation of 22 elected opposition representatives, which the court denied.

The executive secretary urged supporters to accompany their elected candidates to the National Assembly on Jan. 5, in response to a decision by Chavist supporters to turn up in a show of support.

Torrealba made these remarks at a press conference after a closed door meeting in which the coalition decided the next president of the parliament will be elected on Jan. 3 through a secret ballot.

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