

Chile won't waver on Fujimori

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SANTIAGO, Chile - Chilean officials said Thursday they would send former Peruvian President Alberto Fujimori back to Peru despite his decision to run for office in Japan.

The Chilean Supreme Court -- which is set to decide whether to return Fujimori to Peru, where he faces human rights and corruption charges -- would do so even though the ex-leader has requested to return to Japan, El Mercurio reported Thursday.

Fujimori said this month he would run for office on the Kokumin Shinto (People's New Party) ticket, El Comercio newspaper reported online.

If elected, the 68-year-old Fujimori would be the first leader of another country to be elected to office in Japan.

Chilean authorities this month placed Fujimori under house arrest for a second time. Chile's Supreme Court was honoring a request by Peruvian officials, who noted the severity of the charges Fujimori faces at home.

The former Peruvian leader was arrested in Chile in 2006 while traveling to Peru

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