

German ambassador returns to Venezuela as relations improve



Caracas, July 3 (RHC)-- Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro formally authorized German ambassador Daniel Kriener to return to Caracas, a few months after sending him back to Germany over interference in domestic affairs, according to Venezuela's Foreign Ministry.

The decision followed the meeting in Berlin between Venezuelan Deputy Minister Yvan Gil and Germany's Head of Foreign Relations with Latin America and the Caribbean. An official statement tweeted by Jorge Arreaza, Minister of Foreign Relations of Venezuela, made the announcement. Arreaza said the return of the ambassador represents a serious setback to U.S foreign policy by having one of its allies deal directly with the Venezuelan government.

Kriener was one of the few European representatives that were present on March 4th in Maiquetia Airport to welcome Juan Guaido, an opposition lawmaker who declared himself 'interim president' of Venezuela on January 23rd in violation of the country's constitution.

According to EuroPress, Kreiner later met with Guaido in the residence of Spanish Ambassador in Caracas, Jesus Silva, along with diplomats from France, Portugal, Romania, The Netherlands, United States, Canada and Chile.

Even when the diplomat was expelled, the Venezuelan government insisted that it did not want the rupture of diplomatic relations -- in accordance with international law -- and that it still wished to continue to strengthen bilateral cooperation.

Three weeks later, Germany refused to recognize the opposition lawmaker Juan Guaido's envoy to Berlin as Venezuela's ambassador, stressing that "political conditions" to recognize the Guaido's envoy "are not met" given that the 30-day maximum period he had to call elections has expired.

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