

Cuba condemns siege of Mexico's embassy in Bolivia



Havana, December 26 (RHC)-- Cuba condemned on Thursday the harassment perpetrated this week by security and intelligence forces of the coup government of Bolivia against the embassy and diplomatic residence of Mexico in that South American country.

Cuban Foreign Minister Bruno Rodriguez wrote on Twitter that his country condemns this siege, which he described as a violation of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations.

"Stop the policy of harassment and intimidation," the Cuban minister demanded.

For several days now, excessive surveillance has been observed around the diplomatic headquarters and the official residence, which, according to the Mexican embassy itself, has been increasing in recent hours.

Drones were also identified flying over the buildings, recording images and sounds, and Bolivian military personnel tried to check the official vehicle where the Mexican ambassador was traveling.

According to media outlets, the Bolivian de facto government's intention is to get asylum seekers already installed in the embassy to turn themselves in, and they justify this with improbable arguments of possible "escape."

In this regard, Mexican Foreign Secretary Marcelo Ebrard ratified Mexico's firm position in accordance with the international law of granting asylum to the nine Bolivian refugees in its diplomatic headquarters in La Paz, despite the police siege.

"The Mexican position is and will remain that diplomatic immunity and the integrity of our country's embassy and representative facilities in Bolivia must be respected," Ebrard wrote on his Twitter account.

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