Bolivian police harass Spanish diplomats visiting Mexican ambassador in La Paz



La Paz, December 27 (RHC)-- Mexico's Ambassador to Bolivia Teresa Mercado reports that Bolivian security officers harassed Spanish diplomats as they were trying to enter her official residence in La Paz on Friday morning.

"I am with the Spanish consul and charge d'affaires at the residence. Besides having assaulted them, they stopped their car, which has diplomatic plates," the Mexican ambassador tweeted.

The diplomats were accompanied by their security guards, one of whom was hooded. At the entrance to the housing complex where the Mexican residence is, however, the Spanish staff was intimidated.

Spanish authorities indicated that they would issue an official statement on later on Friday. The Bolivian coup-based government said it would also release a statement at the same time.

On Thursday, Mexico's Foreign Minister Marcelo Ebrard reported that his country will request precautionary measures from the International Court of Justice (ICJ) to cease the siege of its diplomatic facilities in Bolivia, which are surrounded by some 90 police and soldiers since December 23rd.???????

Previously, on November 15, the Mexican embassy received nine people who applied for asylum, including former ministers of the Evo Morales government.???????

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