

# *Rigoberta Menchu condemns siege of Mexican Embassy in Bolivia*

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Guatemala City, December 27 (RHC)-- The 1992 Nobel Peace Prize awarded Rigoberta Menchu Friday rejected the siege, harassment and intimidation of Mexican diplomats in Bolivia. "I share the concern of the Manuel Andres Lopez Obrador administration about the excess of military and police presence ordered by the de-facto government in Bolivia," Menchu tweeted.

"Besides setting a disastrous precedent in international relations, this harassment puts at risk peace, harmony, and mutual respect, which have characterized the relations between these two great nations," the Guatemalan Indigenous woman added.

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.

Meanwhile, the Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America-Peoples' Trade Agreement (ALBA-TCP) condemned the siege of the Mexican Embassy in Bolivia.

On Friday morning, Spanish diplomats, who were accompanied by their security personnel, tried to visit the official residence of Mexico's Ambassador to Bolivia Teresa Mercado.?????? At the entrance to the housing complex where the residence is located, however, members of the Bolivian security forces harassed the Spanish diplomatic staff.

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

In this context, Menchu also called on the European Union and the United Nations General-Secretary Antonio Guterres to "reject the arbitrariness committed by the de-facto government so that it unconditionally stops flagrant violations of the rules, treaties, and conventions of International Law."??????

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