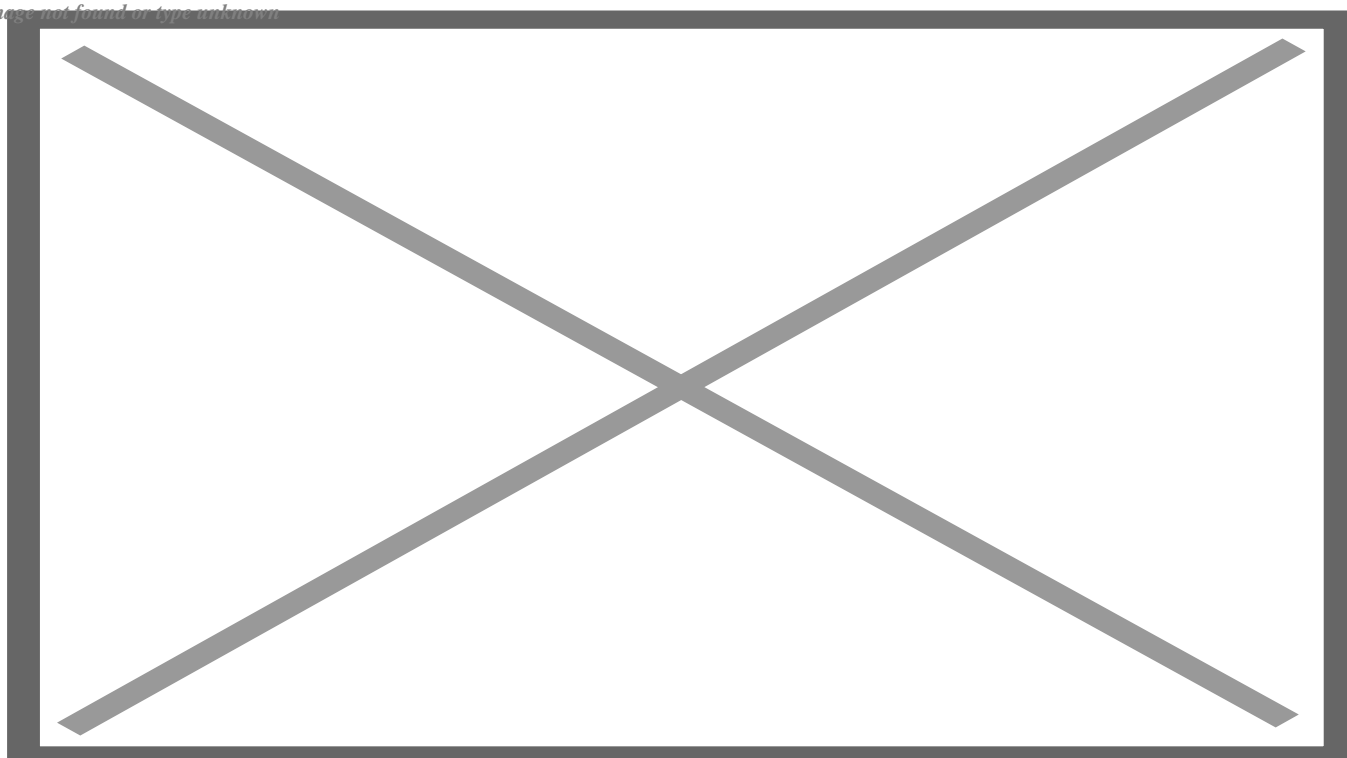


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David Castillo is the former president of the hydroelectric corporation DESA. Cáceres was assassinated as she led the fight against the construction of DESA's massive hydroelectric dam on a river in southwestern Honduras that's sacred to the Lenca people.

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