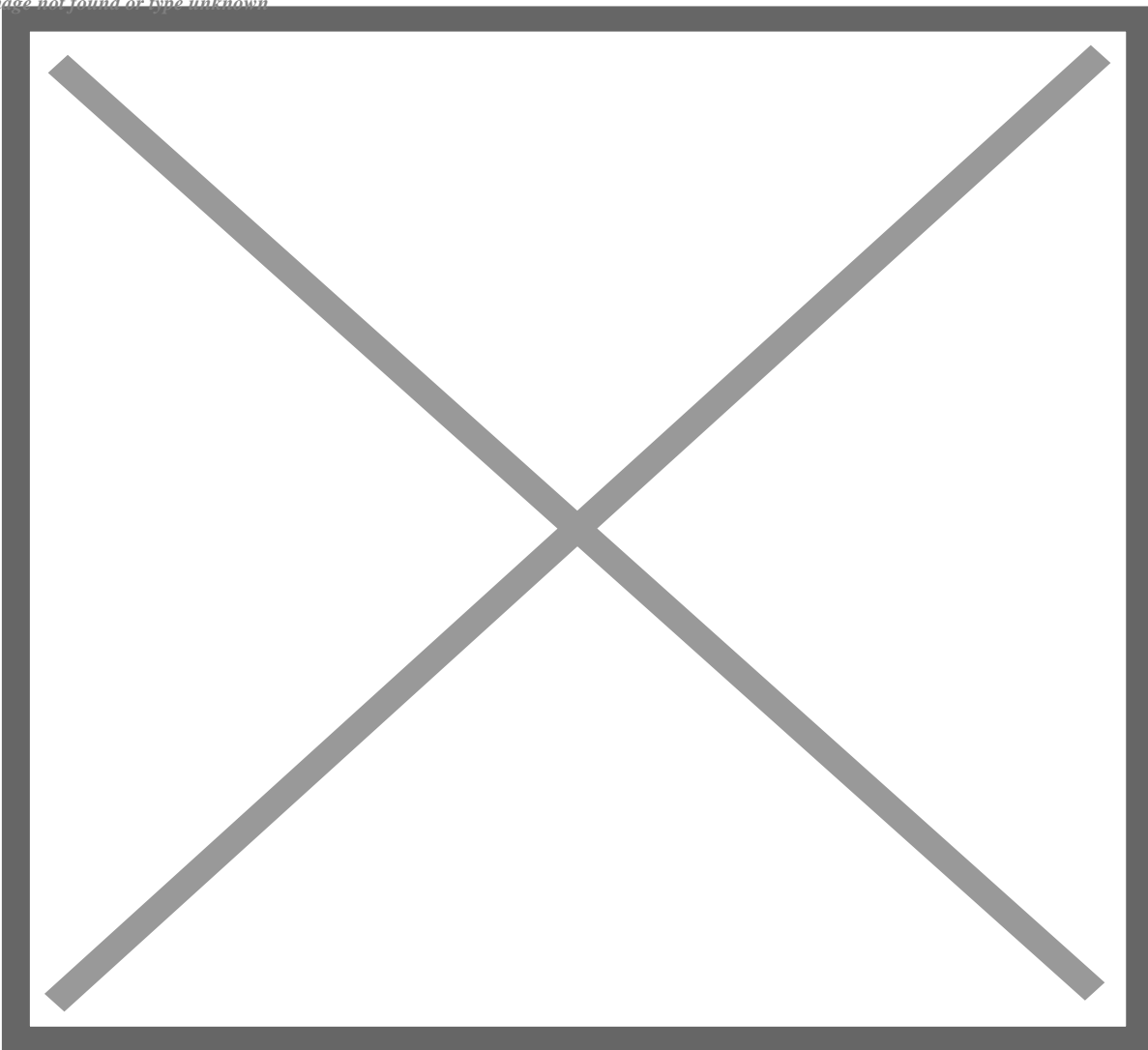


Residence of former Ecuadorian President Lenin Moreno searched for embezzlement assets

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Former president Moreno said that the accusation is "just another of the many stories that have been invented". | Photo: Celag?

Quito, July 26 (RHC)-- The Ecuadorian Attorney General's Office announced Monday the raid of the residence of former President Lenin Moreno as part of the investigations for an alleged crime of embezzlement concerning assets belonging to the seat of government in the capital.

The prosecutor entity published on Twitter that "it carries out proceedings in the home of former president Lenin M., in the context of a previous investigation for an alleged crime of embezzlement, related to patrimonial pieces allegedly missing from Carondelet."

Similarly, the former president said that "Today I invited the Attorney General's Office to enter my house to verify that the complaint of the UNES (Union for Hope) Assemblywoman about the illegal possession of archaeological pieces, is just another story of the many that have been invented".

Last February, Pamela Aguirre together with a group of legislators of UNES, a coalition of leftist parties, denounced that during Moreno's administration eight thousand patrimonial goods disappeared from the Carondelet Museum.

Aguirre's denunciation is based on the comparison of the inventory declared after the end of Rafael Correa's term of office with the one recently carried out by President Guillermo Lasso.

Based on this, the Public Prosecutor's Office pointed out last July 15 that it is its duty "to investigate all the alleged crimes of public action that are known" and therefore, in this context, certain actions are carried out to determine the veracity of the same.

The Public Prosecutor's Office clarified that only in the case that it confirms the occurrence of a crime, the responsible parties are officially accused before "the competent judge and promotes the accusation in the substantiation of a criminal trial in search of the corresponding sanction".

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