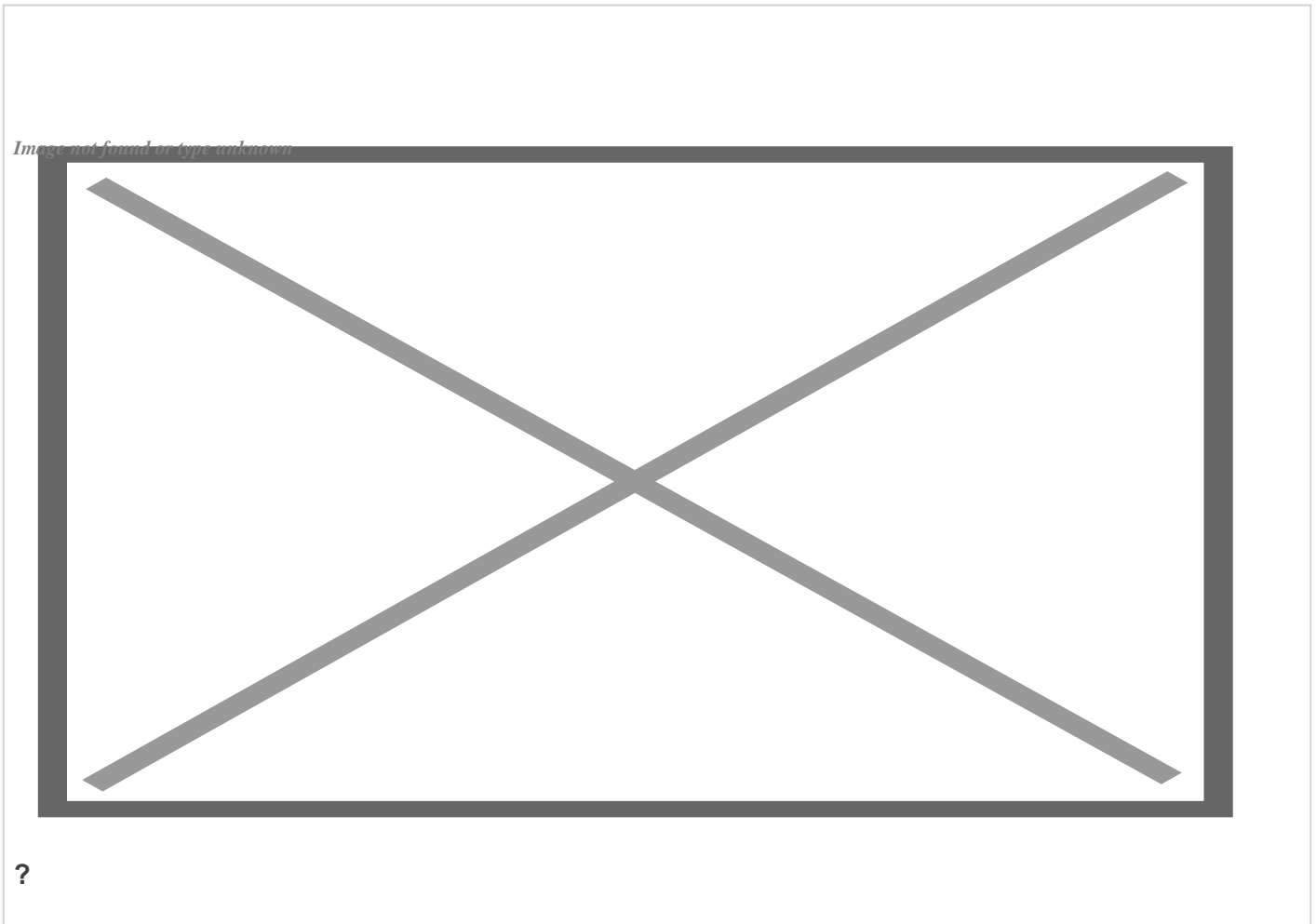


# *Venezuelan president rejects statements by Donald Trump*

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Caracas, June 13 (RHC)-- Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro rejected on Monday the statements made by the former president of the United States, Donald Trump, about his intention to "get all the oil" of the South American nation during his administration.

During an activity held after the meeting between the delegations of Iran and Venezuela, the head of state asserted that Trump declared his crime against humanity against the people of the South American nation.

"Two days ago, former U.S. President Donald Trump declared his crime, a crime against humanity against the people of Venezuela. He declared that the objective of his government and of the aggression and sanctions against Venezuela was to make Venezuelan society collapse so that the imperialist power of the U.S. could seize Venezuelan oil, the wealth of Venezuela. A good lawyer would say that the confession of the parties is evidence. Trump has declared his guilt in crimes against humanity against the noble and peaceful people of Venezuela."

The Bolivarian leader affirmed that this is the objective of imperialism: to seize the wealth of its people, assuring that "they were thinking of coming to control the oil, Venezuela being the main certified oil reserve of the world."

"This is the material wealth that belongs solely and exclusively to the people of Venezuela. To no one else. Trump could not get his way with Venezuela. No empire can have its way with Venezuela, because we are firmly planted in the idea of (Simón) Bolívar, in the idea of Chávez -- to build an independent country and to build with our own efforts, as we are doing, a new economic prosperity, a new economic model, with new sources of wealth for our homeland, for our country."

During a public event held over the weekend, Trump admitted that when he left the Presidency, Venezuela was "on the verge of collapse" and that they would have taken all the oil of the South American country.

"When I left, Venezuela was ready to collapse. We would have taken it, we would have gotten all that oil. It would have been right next door, but now we're buying oil from Venezuela," Trump said.

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