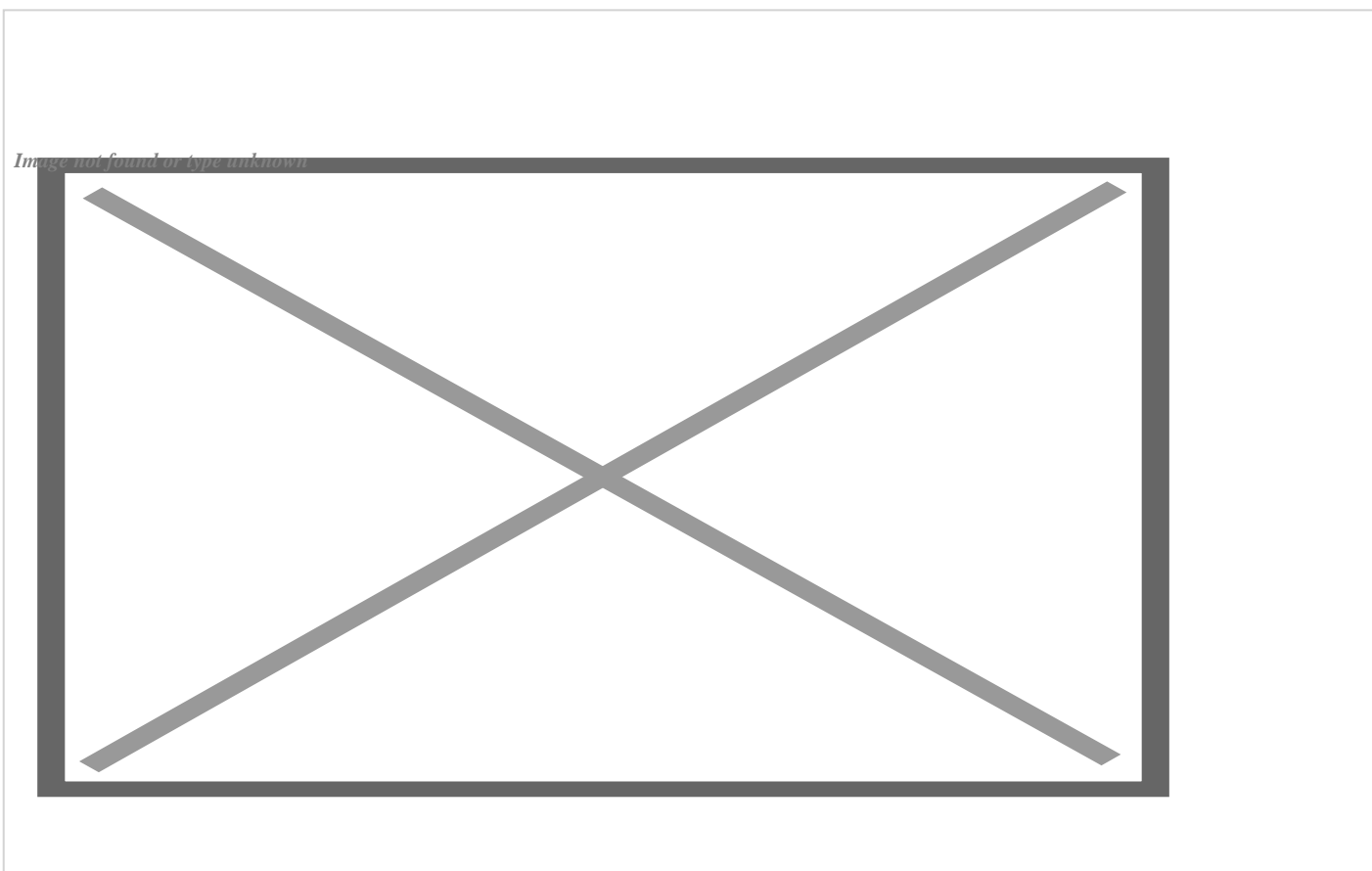


Mexico breaks diplomatic relations with Ecuador after violation of national sovereignty



Mexico City, April 6 (RHC)-- The Mexican government announced late Friday night the suspension of diplomatic relations with Ecuador after the invasion by police forces of the Mexican embassy in Quito to kidnap former Ecuadorian Vice President Jorge Glas, who had been granted political asylum.

Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador, in a message published on the social network X, informed that he gave the order to Foreign Minister Alicia Bárcena to "proceed legally and immediately declare the suspension of diplomatic relations with the government of Ecuador."

"I have just been informed by Alicia Bárcena, our Secretary of Foreign Affairs, that Ecuadorian police forcibly entered our embassy and detained the former vice president of that country, who was a refugee and seeking asylum due to the persecution and harassment he faces," the president wrote in his message.

"This is a flagrant violation of international law and Mexico's sovereignty, for which I have instructed our foreign minister to issue a statement on this authoritarian act, proceed legally and immediately declare the suspension of diplomatic relations with the government of Ecuador."

The Mexican Foreign Minister announced on Friday night that "in consultation with President López Obrador, in view of the flagrant violation of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations and the injuries suffered by Mexican diplomatic personnel in Ecuador, Mexico announces the immediate severance of diplomatic relations with Ecuador."

Minutes before, the Presidency of Ecuador had issued a statement in which it justified the invasion of the Mexican diplomatic legation by alleging that there were abuses "of the immunities and privileges" granted to the diplomatic mission that housed Jorge Glas, who is accused by the Government of President Daniel Noboa for alleged acts of corruption.

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