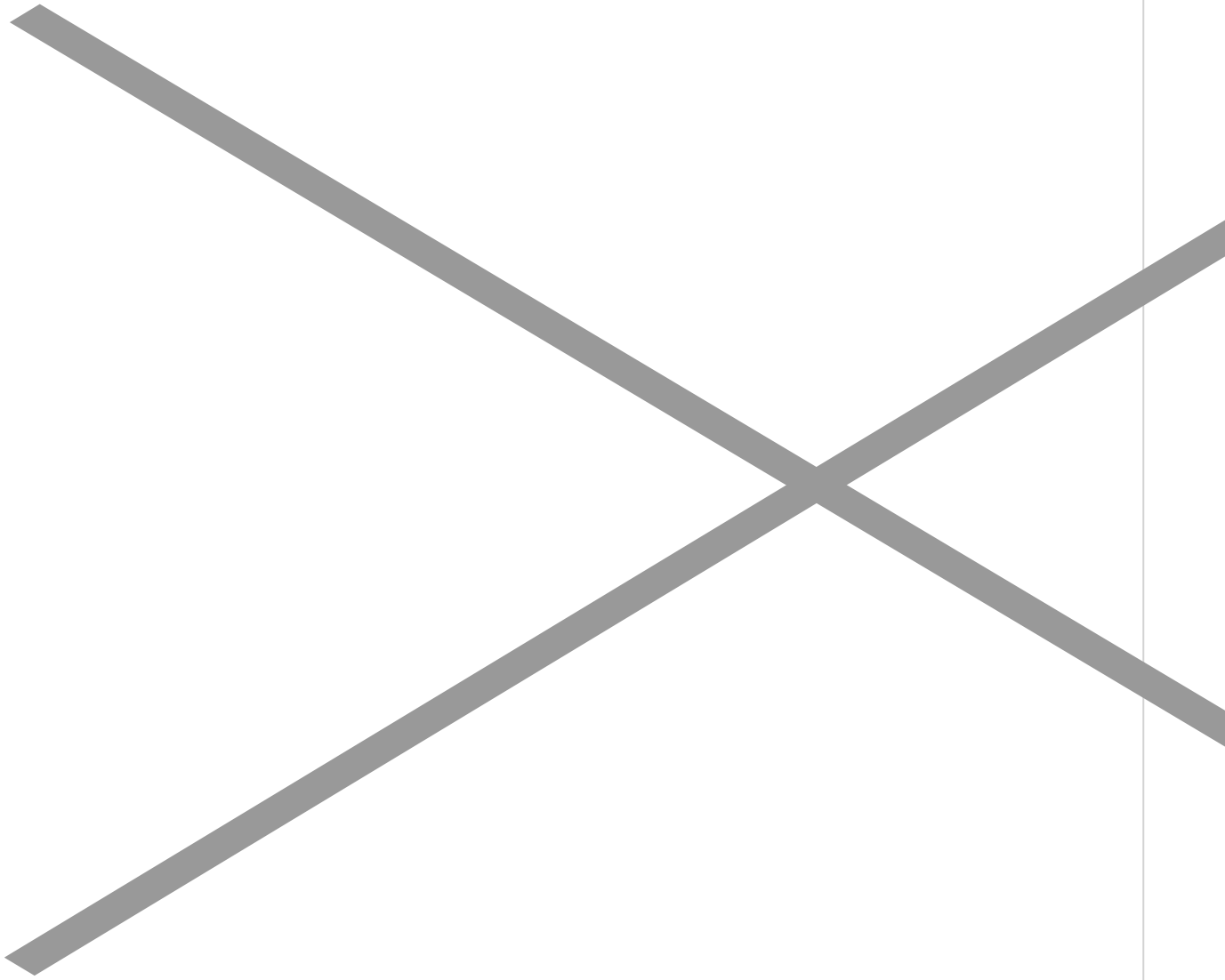


Libre Party reaffirms support for Honduran president in the face of coup threats

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The Honduran deputy foreign minister denounced the interventionist statements by the US ambassador and retired military personnel "conspiring for a new coup d'état" in the Central American country. Photo: @PartidoLibre

Tegucigalpa, September 2 (RHC)-- The Honduran party Liberty and Refoundation (Libre), of President Xiomara Castro, ratified its absolute and categorical support for the president and announced that it will support her decisions to maintain the peace and security of the country in the face of the threat of a coup d'état by the United States.

After concluding an extraordinary session, the Libre party announced the decision to repel external threats that alter the holding of elections in 2025 and thus avoid a repeat of the events of the coup d'état of June 28, 2009 against former President Manuel Zelaya.

In the statement read by Honduran Deputy Foreign Minister Gerardo Torres, the party denounced the interventionist statements by the U.S. ambassador Laura Dogu, and retired military personnel "conspiring for a new coup d'état" in the Central American country.

The ruling party expressed its rejection of "the interventionist actions of the Embassy of the United States of America in attacking the head of the Joint Chiefs of Staff of the Armed Forces (Roosevelt Hernández) and the former Minister of Defense (José Manuel Zelaya), in violation of international principles and conventions, attempting to provoke the destabilization" of the armed institution.

Also noteworthy is the decision of the Honduran Congress Secretary, Carlos Zelaya, to appear before the Public Prosecutor's Office after admitting that in 2013 he met with two drug traffickers who offered him money for the political campaign.

The ruling party called for a large mobilization in the Honduran capital for September 15, within the framework of the commemorative events for the 203 years of Honduras' independence from the Spanish empire.

Libre reported that deputy Rafael Sarmiento resigned as head of the parliamentary group after being accused by the secretary of the Legislative Branch of being one of the organizers with alleged drug traffickers.

Sarmiento assured that he has never met with drug traffickers and that he will make himself available to the Public Ministry for investigation.

The ruling party celebrated the appointment of Rixi Moncada as the new Minister of Defense of Honduras to replace José Manuel Zelaya, who resigned from the position on Saturday after his father and secretary of Parliament announced that they will submit their resignations this Monday.

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