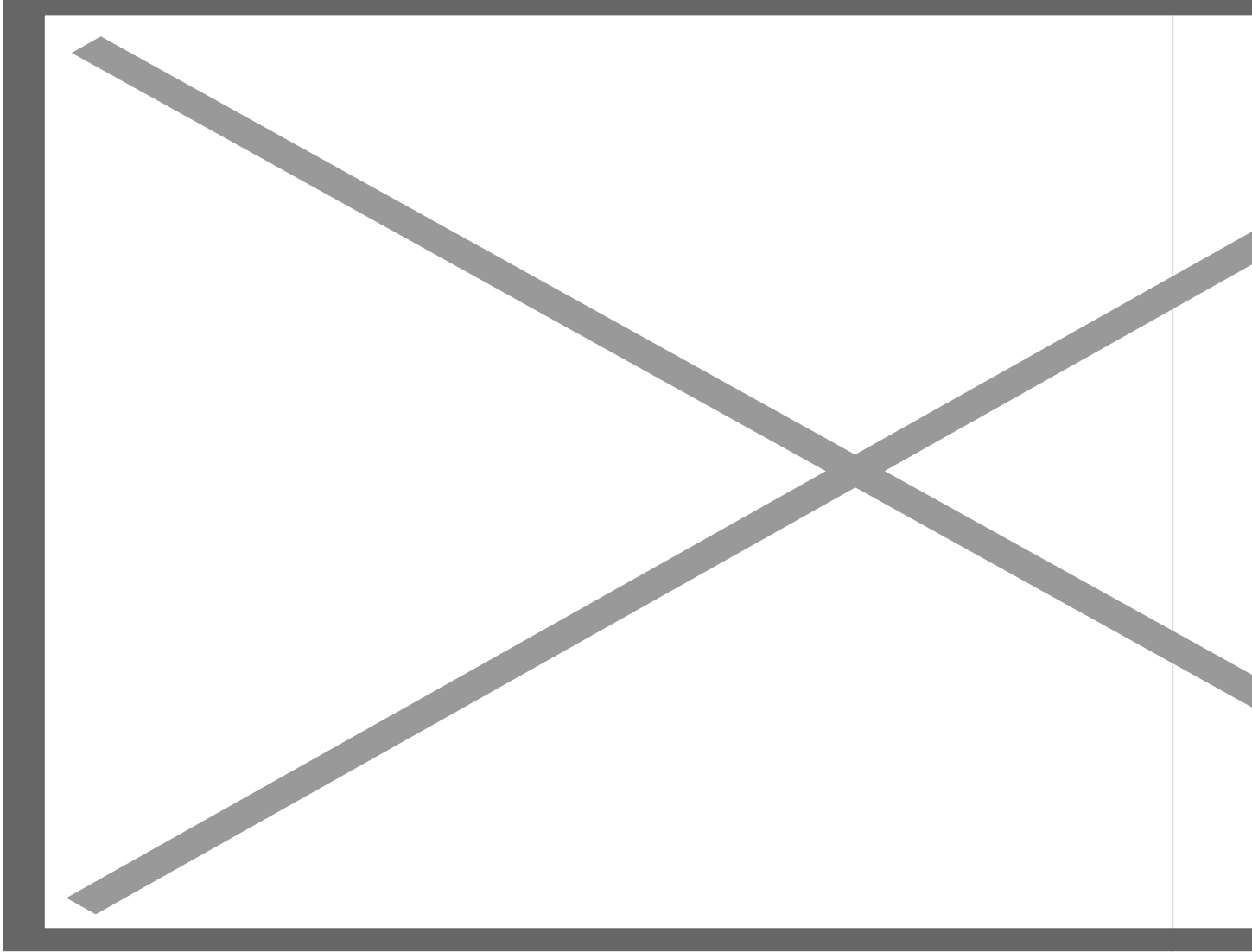


# *Former Venezuelan oil minister arrested for giving intelligence information to Washington*

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**Pedro Rafael Tellechea Ruiz, a Venezuelan military officer, politician and mechanical engineer, has held senior government positions in the government of Nicolás Maduro as Minister of Oil and president of Petróleos de Venezuela (PDVSA) between 2023 and 2024**

Caracas, October 22 (RHC)-- The Public Ministry (MP) of Venezuela publicly confirmed that in the early hours of October 20th, Pedro Tellechea Ruiz, former minister and key figure in the state-owned Petróleos de Venezuela (PDVSA), was arrested along with his closest collaborators. The arrest of the former high-ranking official was attributed by the Venez

The arrest of the former high-ranking official was attributed by the Venezuelan Prosecutor's Office to the delivery of key information to the U.S. intelligence services.

The information was released through a statement in which it is indicated that said action is the result of an "exhaustive scientific investigation" and is part of an effort to combat "serious crimes that threaten the highest interests of the nation."

For the Prosecutor's Office, this act not only represents a violation of the "legal mechanisms," but also compromises the national sovereignty of Venezuela.

The Attorney General of the Republic, Tarek William Saab, emphasized that the arrest was carried out "in strict adherence to the law" and with the "full constitutional cooperation of the Head of State."

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