

Chilean president faces sexual harassment complaint



Santiago de Chile, November 27 (RHC)-- In Chile, President Gabriel Boric's lawyer, Jonatan Valenzuela Saldías, has issued a statement in which he addressed a complaint of sexual harassment filed in September of this year against his client, describing it as “without any basis.”

Boric faces a complaint for the alleged “dissemination of records of private images and a lack of sexual harassment” towards a woman 10 years ago, when he was a recent graduate of his law studies.

According to the statement from the legal representative, "the Chilean president categorically rejects and denies the complaint."

Valenzuela explained that, instead: “Gabriel Boric was the victim of systematic harassment via email by an adult woman who met him in the context of her professional practice in Punta Arenas.”

“25 emails were sent to him from different email addresses,” explained the lawyer, who added that they were all written by the same person, who included in one of them “the unsolicited and unconsented sending of images of an explicit nature.”

Along with this, the president's defense explained that, ten years later, “the sender of the emails filed a complaint without any basis, against the now president Gabriel Boric on September 6, 2024.”

“Since July 2014 there has been no kind of communication between my client and the sender of those emails. My client never had an emotional or friendship relationship with her and they have not had communication since July 2014,” he explained.

The complaint was filed with the Magallanes Regional Prosecutor's Office last September, so Gabriel Boric instructed his legal representative to deliver all the emails that the sender sent and the necessary background information to the tax authority.

This is how, on October 22nd, all the documents were delivered by the accused to the prosecutor in charge of the investigation, Cristián Crisosto Rifo.

According to Valenzuela, "given the time that has passed and the new interview requested last Monday from the Magallanes Prosecutor's Office, it was decided to make this information public."

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