

Mexico's president says her country won't accept U.S. invasion in fight against cartels



Mexico's President Claudia Sheinbaum delivers a speech during the 112th anniversary of the

Mexican army in Cerralvo, Nuevo Leon state, Mexico. (Photo by AFP)

Mexico City, February 21 (RHC)-- Mexico has said it shall never tolerate an "invasion" of its national sovereignty by the United States under the pretense of fighting drug cartels. "This cannot be an opportunity for the U.S. to invade our sovereignty," President Claudia Sheinbaum said on Thursday,

She added that Mexico had not been consulted by the U.S. while deciding to designate Mexican drug cartels as terrorist organizations. "They can call them (the cartels) whatever they want, but with Mexico, it is collaboration and coordination, never subordination or interventionism, and even less invasion," Sheinbaum insisted.

Donald Trump issued an executive order right after his swearing-in as the new U.S. president, designating eight Latin American drug cartels, including several in Mexico, as terrorist organizations. His move has raised speculation about the possibility of military action inside Mexican territory.

The Mexican head of state also revealed her intentions of expanding legal action against U.S. gun manufacturers whose negligence in the sale of weapons has armed drug traffickers in Mexico and elsewhere.

She went on to state that the much-anticipated lawsuit could lead to a new charge of alleged "complicity" with terrorist groups.

According to The New York Times, Washington has conducted secret drone operations over Mexican skies under the pretext of searching for fentanyl labs, adding that the covert agenda began under Trump's predecessor, Joe Biden, but had not been previously disclosed.

Mexico is yielding to U.S. pressure to address the flow of drugs and migrants. However, such demands, combined with the implicit threat of military action, often stir resentment in Mexico, reviving painful historical memories of US interventions and territorial losses.

Mexico lost half of its territory to the United States in the 19th century.

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