

# *Venezuela condemns violation of diplomatic accords after assault on embassy in Costa Rica*

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Caracas, February 21 (RHC)-- The Venezuelan government rejected the actions by a group who forcibly entered the Venezuelan embassy in Costa Rica, Foreign Minister Jorge Arreaza said Wednesday while the diplomatic representation of the Venezuelan government was attempting to retake access to the property.

"The thieves of a group of strangers entered the headquarters of the Embassy of Venezuela in Costa Rica," denounced the minister in a tweet Wednesday morning. "The government of that country must enforce the diplomatic relations convention and ensure the functioning and safety of our staff and facilities."

The group, according to reports, is made up of supporters and delegates of the opposition lawmaker Juan Guaido who declared himself an "interim president" late last month in violation of the Venezuelan constitution.

They entered the embassy's building overnight without authorization. In San Juan, teleSUR correspondent in Costa Rica reported that there was a standoff at the embassy's entrance between the diplomatic staff and the trespassers, who prevented the head of the diplomatic delegation from entering the embassy's building.

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