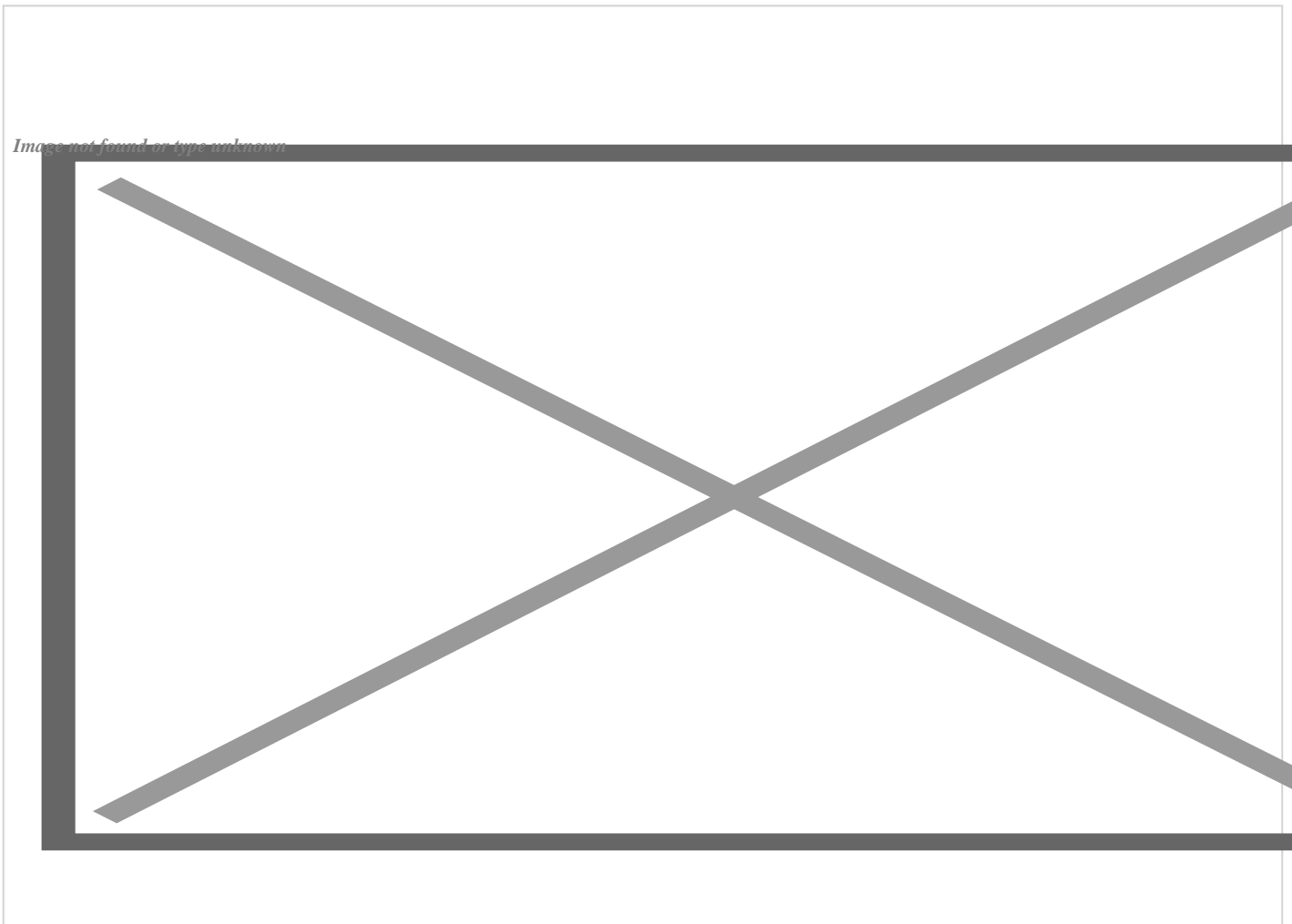


# *Venezuelan foreign minister rejects destabilization through NGOs*

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Caracas, July 5 (RHC)-- Venezuelan Foreign Minister Jorge Arreaza has rejected the use of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to promote violent actions against peace and stability in the South American nation.

"In Venezuela the so-called NGOs do not have permission to violate the law and destabilize the country. The real ones (non-governmental organizations) have all our support; but not those franchises of those who want to sow violence," stated Arreaza on this Twitter account.

The top Venezuelan diplomat dismissed statements made by the U.S. ambassador appointed for Venezuela, James Story, who accused Caracas of violating civil liberties, in the case of the detention of the director of the Fundaredes entity, José Javier Tarazona.

"A democratic State, which respects International Law, does not promote attacks and conspiracies through supposed NGO's, with the purpose of generating violence in sovereign countries," stressed Jorge Arreaza.

He added that Venezuela has the right to peace and stability, while urging "the United States and its satellites to cease aggressions against the country."

The Third Court of Caracas, specialized in crimes related to Terrorism, agreed the day before to indict the director of the Fundaredes entity, José Javier Tarazona, and two of his collaborators for the crimes of promotion of hatred, terrorism and treason. The apprehension of the activist and propagandist linked to the Colombian right wing, who acts in Venezuela through the NGO, was the result of a criminal investigation by the 94th Prosecutor's Office, with national jurisdiction, according to the investigative portal La Tabla.

Tarazona had been in Colombia for the past several months, but following the announcement of the visit to Bogotá of the director of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), William Burns, he returned to Venezuela.

Last week, President Nicolás Maduro denounced the activation of alleged violent plans against Venezuela, linked to the tour of the U.S. official in the region. In this sense, the CIA covert operation would be related to the return to Venezuela of José Javier Tarazona, considered to be an agent paid by Washington's embassy in Bogotá, according to evidence obtained by Caracas.

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