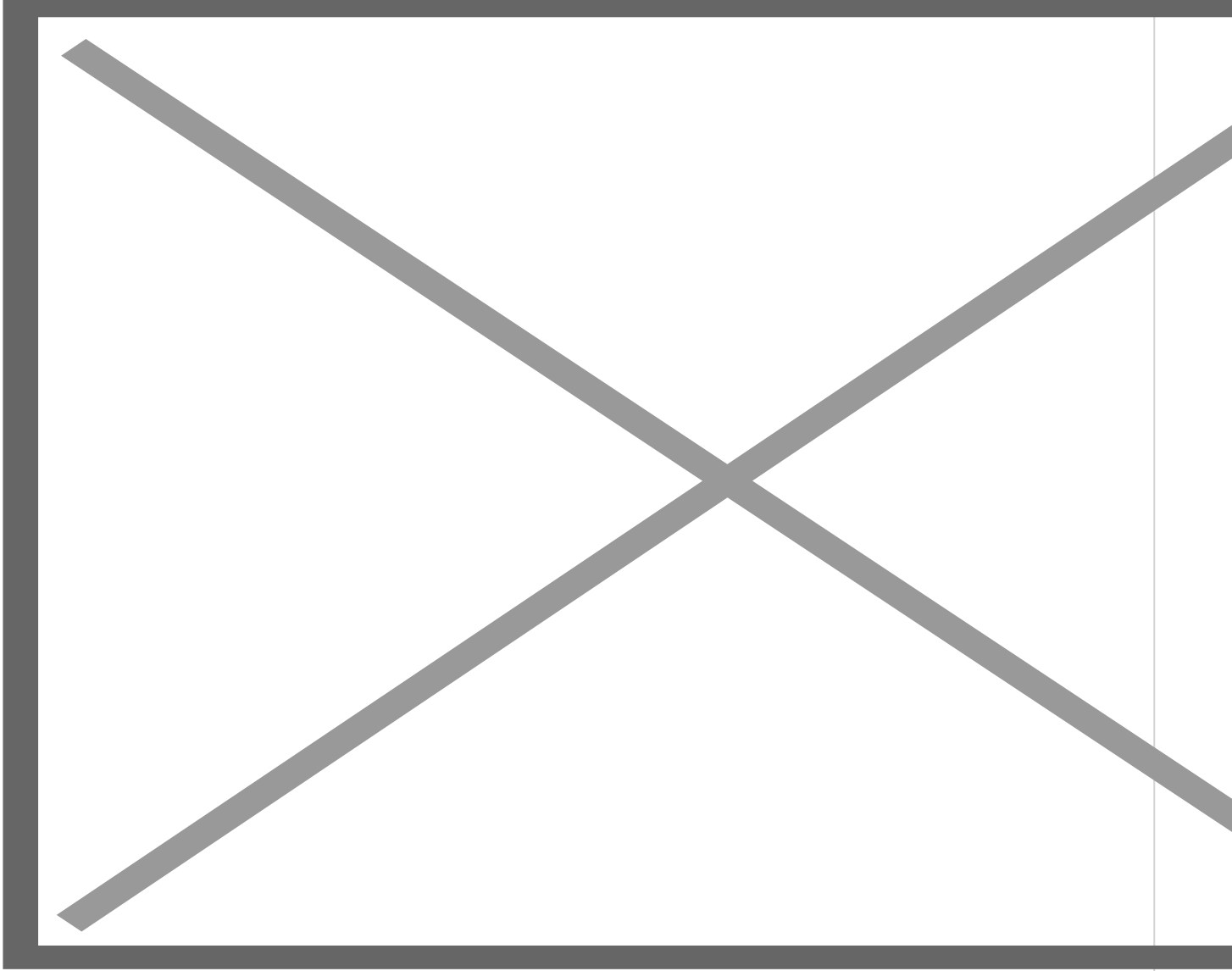


Bolivia denounces participation of Mauricio Macri in 2019 coup d'état

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The Bolivian foreign minister called what happened a violation of the principles of diplomacy between sister nations. | Photo: @MRE_Bolivia

La Paz, July 9 (RHC)-- The Bolivian government has denounced the participation of the former president of Argentina, Mauricio Macri, in the 2019 coup d'état against Bolivia's legitimate President Evo Morales.

During a press conference, Foreign Minister Rogelio Mayta showed documents proving the shipment of ammunition by Macri, as well as his Ecuadorian counterpart Lenín Moreno, which were used by police forces in Bolivia to repress popular protests against the de facto government of Jeanine Áñez.

Mayta pointed out that the events experienced in 2019 completely broke with Bolivia's constitutional order and had the conspiratorial backing of those States.

"The two unveiled documents show that Macri and Moreno contributed to consolidate Áñez in power, through repression and even the use of weapons, a fact in which the general and commander of the Bolivian air force, Jorge Gonzalos Terceros Lara, had an important participation," he said.

In a declassified message dated November 13, Lara thanks the then ambassador of Argentina, Normando Álvarez García, for his collaboration and the delivery of 40,000 AT-12/70 cartridges, as well as several types of gas grenades and tear gas.

"We have had access to these documents and have corroborated the participation of these states, so we will give this information to the authorities who are investigating the massacres of Sacaba and Senkata, which occurred on November 15 and 19, respectively," said the foreign minister.

The Bolivian foreign minister warned about the conduct of a foreign government to contribute to these violations of the human and civil rights of the Bolivian people. "We consider this situation to be extremely serious and absolutely unacceptable, since it was an attack against national sovereignty and dignity."

Bolivia's top diplomat said: "We will request more information from Argentina and Ecuador on a situation totally against the canons that govern diplomacy between two brotherly peoples. What happened was an articulated plan against Bolivian democracy, not merely accidental events."

For his part, Bolivian President Luis Arce repudiated what happened, assuring that "the sending of war material to repress the people contravenes international norms."

"We ratify our ties of brotherhood with the Argentinean people, and we recognize the solidarity and support of brother President Alberto Fernandez," said Arce while disseminating a letter from his counterpart in which he apologizes to the Bolivian people for what happened.

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