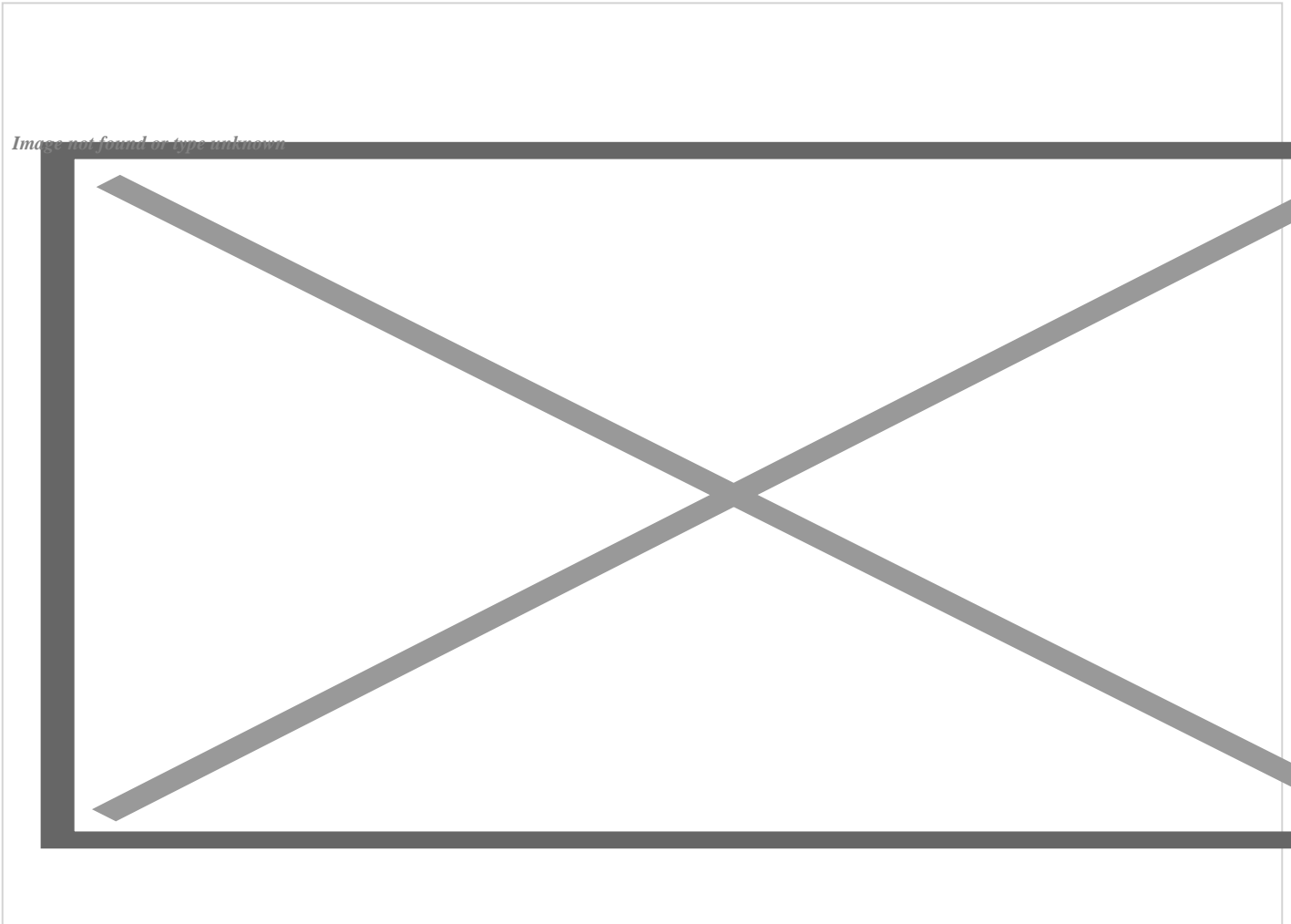


Venezuela opens investigation of Juan Guaidó for usurpation of powers



Caracas, September 15 (RHC)-- Venezuela's Public Prosecutor's Office reports the opening of an investigation against opposition ringleader Juan Guaidó for usurpation of powers.

Venezuelan Attorney General Tarek William Saab announced that the Public Prosecutor's Office opened an investigation against the opposition leader for the case of the company Monómeros, a subsidiary of the state-owned firm Petróleos de Venezuela S.A (PDVSA) in Colombia.

"Monómeros case ... the Venezuelan Public Prosecutor's Office opened an investigation against the subject Juan Guaidó for Usurpation of Functions, Treason against the Homeland, Conspiracy, Qualified Theft of Assets and Association to Commit Crimes," wrote Saab in his Twitter social network account.

He also informed that Prosecutor 22 and Prosecutor 73 were appointed to carry out the judicial process against the opposition leader. The decision comes after Guaidó affirmed that the decision of the Colombian Supersociedades to intervene the Venezuelan company Monómeros in that country was necessary.

On Tuesday, the opposition leader assured that the Caribbean country's assets abroad are under the protection of allies, such as the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC), and that his group is studying the option of transferring them to a trust.

The coup leader referred to the fertilizer and chemical company Monómeros, installed in Barranquilla (Colombia), and the decision of the Government of Bogota to subject it to "maximum surveillance."

Guaidó's statements come while the Venezuelan Government has accused the Colombian President, Iván Duque, of stealing assets from his country, by intervening Monómeros. Venezuelan Vice President Delcy Rodríguez on Tuesday accused Guaidó of allying with other governments to strip Venezuela of its assets.

"Juan Guaidó went down in history as the greatest ruffian and criminal of our time! Colluding with foreign powers and their sepoys to strip the people of Venezuela of their legitimate patrimony and cause them suffering and pain will not go unpunished! Justice will prevail!" the vice president wrote in a message on the social network Twitter.

Monomeros, a subsidiary of the Venezuelan state-owned Pequiven, owned by PDVSA, was handed over by the Colombian government in 2019 to the Venezuelan opposition led by Guaidó. Venezuelan authorities have denounced that the revenues of this company have been stolen by the opposition leadership to finance its expenses.

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