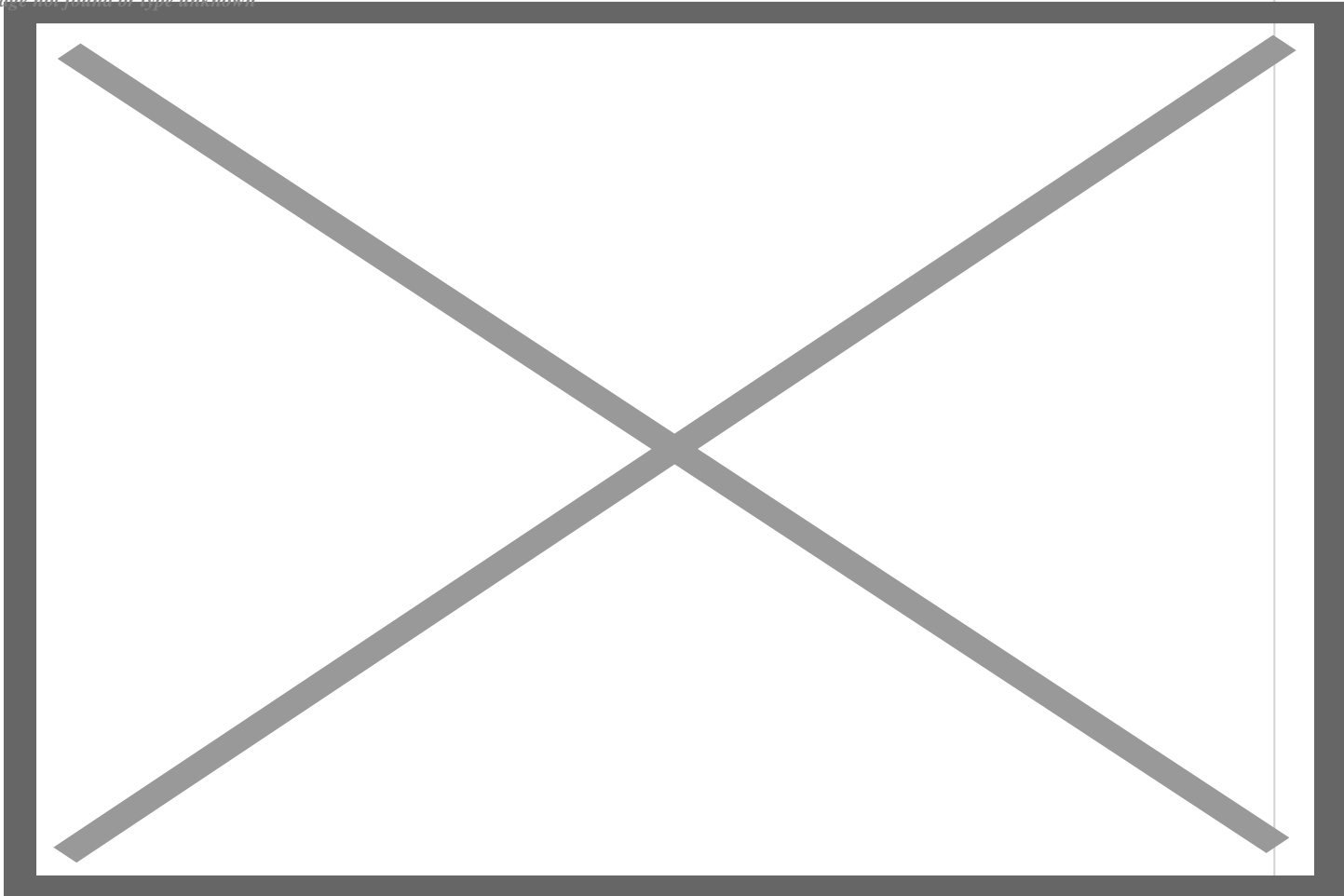


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## **Lionel Messi diagnosed with Covid-19**

Havana, January 2 (RHC)-- PSG's Argentinean star Lionel Messi tested positive for the SARS-COV-2 coronavirus, which causes Covid-19, and will not play tomorrow in the French Cup, the capital club confirmed today.

In a medical statement, PSG said that the 34-year-old attacker complies with the isolation protocol, along with Sergio Rico, Juan Bernat and Nathan Bitumazala, also diagnosed with the disease in recent hours.

The red-and-blue will visit tomorrow the Vannes Olympique Club of the fifth division in the round of 32 of the Coupe de France, a duel in which they will only have on the pitch Kylian Mbappé of their offensive trident, as Neymar is still injured.

Regarding the Brazilian star, the Parisian club explained that he will continue his recovery in his country until January 9.

Neymar will return to France and resume training in about three weeks, it added.

In addition to the injured and the sick with the Covid-19, PSG will regret the absence of Achraf Hakimi, Abdou Diallo and Idrissa Gueye, who are participating with their national teams in the African Cup of Nations.

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