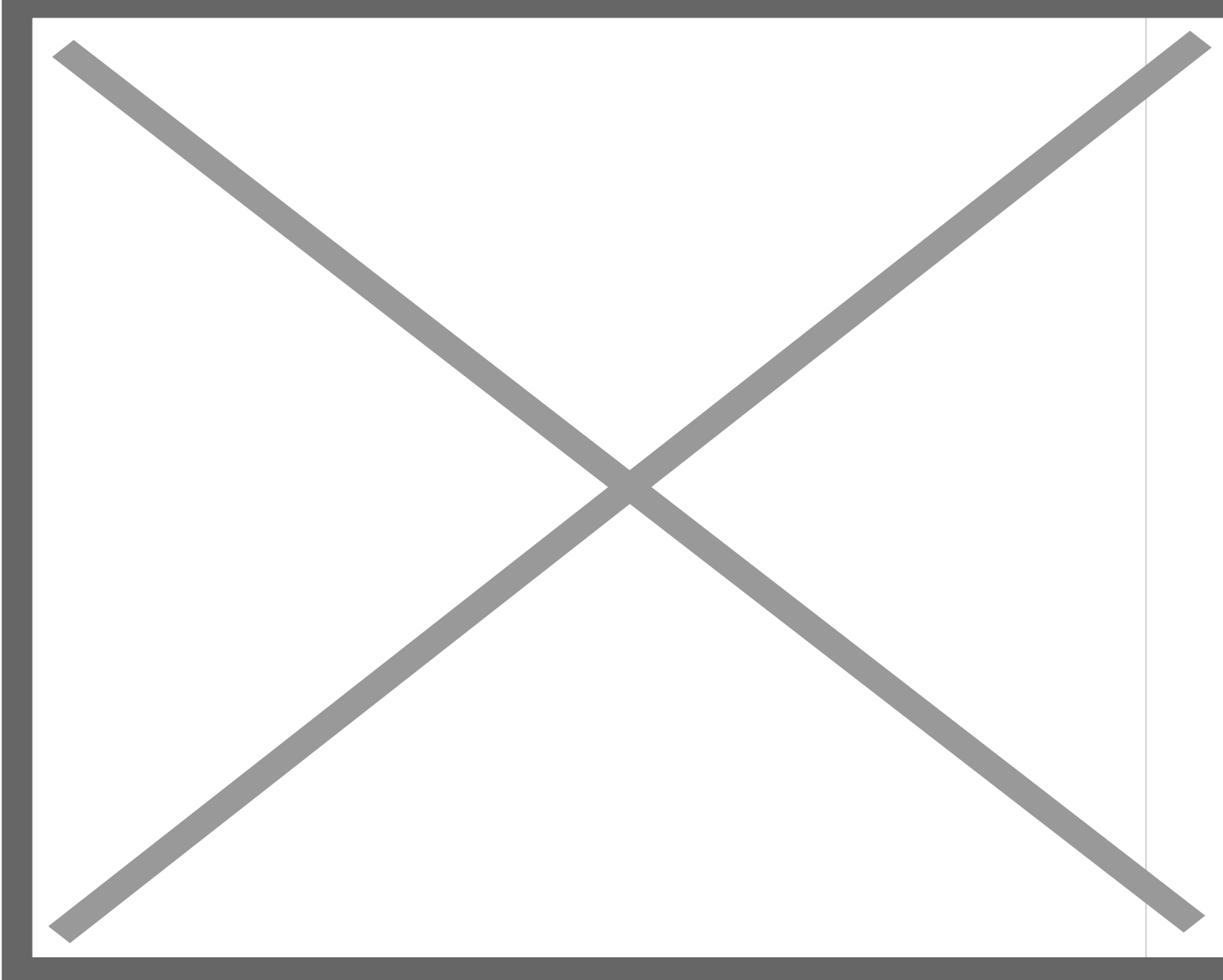


# *Venezuelan president and Colombia's president-elect talk about normalizing relations*

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**"I spoke with the president-elect of Colombia @petrogustavo , and on behalf of the Venezuelan people, I congratulated him on his victory," said President Maduro.... | Photo: VTV**

Caracas, June 22 (RHC)-- The president of Venezuela, Nicolas Maduro, spoke on the telephone with the president-elect of Colombia.

In a first contact since Gustavo Petro won the presidential elections in Colombia, President Maduro, on Wednesday extended congratulations on behalf of the Venezuelan people to the leader of the Historic Pact alliance, with whom he also talked about the border issue.

In a tweet on his official account, President Maduro indicated that he talked with the Colombian president-elect on several issues regarding bilateral relations, particularly on the situation on the border between the two countries. "We discussed the willingness to restore normality on the borders, various issues on peace and the prosperous future of both peoples."

Previously, the Colombian president-elect notified via Twitter about the contact with the Venezuelan government. "I have communicated with the Venezuelan government to open the borders and reestablish the full exercise of human rights on the border," Petro wrote.

The opening of the border was one of the campaign promises of Petro, who assured that, if elected, he would immediately take that step.

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