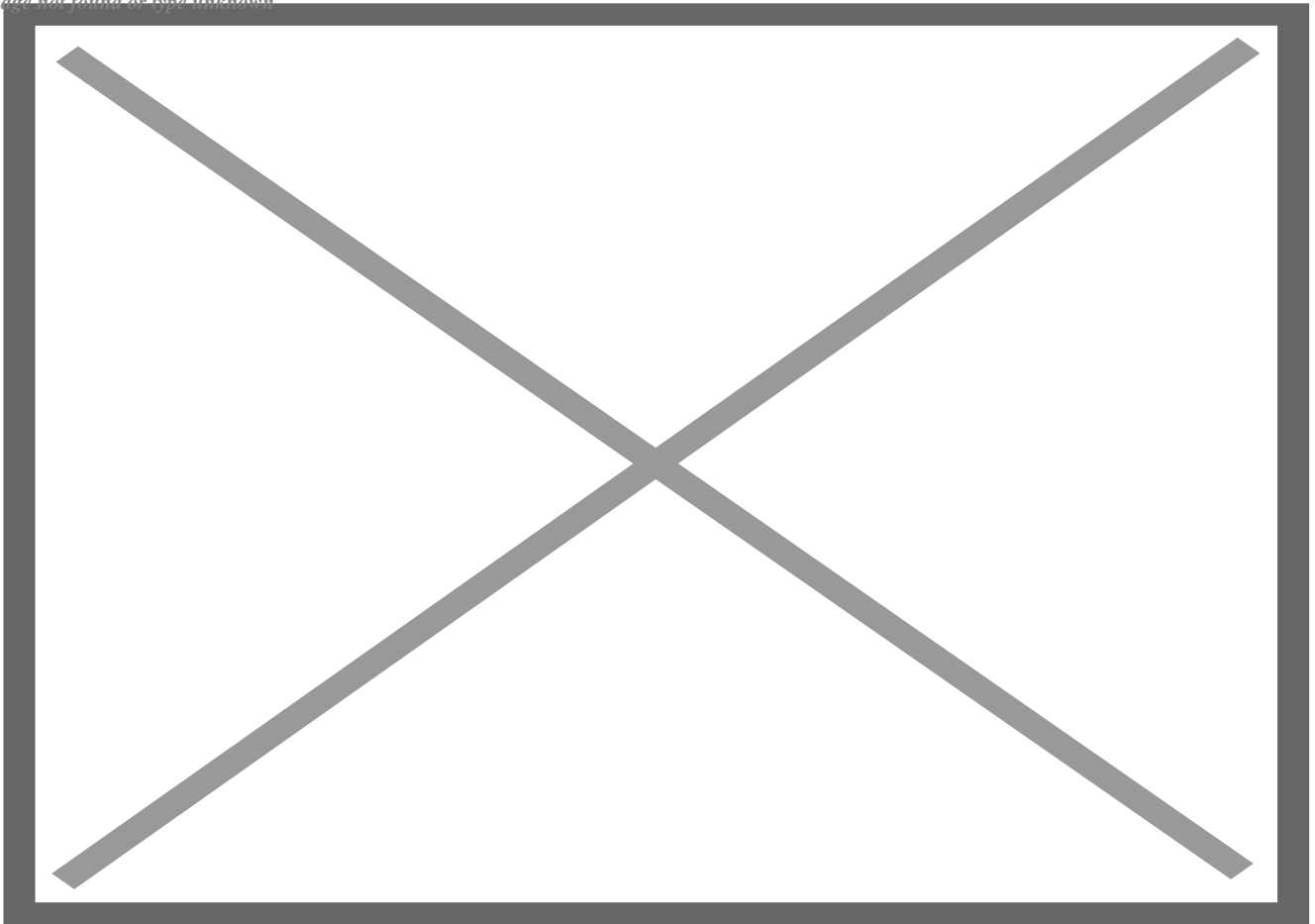


Mexican opposition party rejects free school books

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Mexico City, August 6 (RHC) -- State and municipal governments, senators and deputies of the National Action Party (PAN) escalated their confrontation with President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador to carry out the free distribution of school books.

The PAN asked the Ministry of Education to stop the distribution of several million textbooks that will be given free of charge to students, which affects private publishers that were granted juicy contracts by

previous governments, and that is now coming to an end.

However, the PAN argues that the printing and publishing by the state, even though its content has been elaborated and supervised by prestigious professors of the teaching profession, is a way of indoctrinating young people and inoculating them with "communism."

Curiously, they filed the lawsuit when the volumes are already printed and being distributed, warned Morena.

The Ministry responded bluntly that the texts will not be withdrawn and that the PAN's accusations are a political action and a way of trying to harm the prestigious national public education system and the government's goals of making everything free, which is not against private education.

Without any demur, accuses the ruling party Morena, in the PAN's pronouncement they support the public policies on education that were established during the periods they governed, when a great part of the budget was in the hands of private companies and the official texts were contaminated by the conservatism of that party.

In order to counteract the intense campaign that the PAN is carrying out at all levels, and which it is using as an electoral banner, the government decided to open, as of next week, a public debate in evening press conferences with the Ministry of Education and the professionals who prepared the textbooks, so that the entire population, whose children and families are the beneficiaries of the free textbooks, may learn about their contents and debate them in a transparent manner.

We are going to review the books, and we will be informed by those who did it, who are teachers, pedagogues, specialists in all subjects, book by book. We are not going to be censored, we are not going to want to indoctrinate, we are going to spread the virus of communism here, said the secretary.
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