

Mexico denies entry of Ecuadorian authorities to its embassy

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Mexico City, March 3 (RHC)-- The Mexican Foreign Ministry rejected any possibility of Ecuadorian authorities entering its Embassy in Quito, where since last December remains the former Ecuadorian vice president Jorge Glas (2013-2018), of the Citizen Revolution movement, who requested political asylum.

During an interview granted to a radio station, which was broadcast on Saturday, the head of Foreign Affairs, Alicia Bárcena, said that the entry of Ecuadorian authorities to the diplomatic headquarters to arrest Glas is unfeasible.

On Thursday, the Ecuadorian Foreign Ministry confirmed that they asked Mexico for permission for agents of the Ministry of Interior to access the diplomatic legation and arrest the political leader.

Bárcena emphasized that allowing the entry "would violate the diplomatic immunity of our Embassy". She clarified that Mexico will not consent to such nonsense and that it is analyzing Glas' asylum request. He added that his country has not granted it yet, but neither has it been denied.

He recalled that Mexico "has always been a very welcoming country for asylum seekers, refugees, especially when they are fleeing political persecution".

He emphasized: "We are in the process of analyzing to see how much is political persecution, how much is really a legal and corruption problem". After serving five years in prison for two convictions for bribery and illicit association, Glas was released at the end of 2022. Subsequently, he was prosecuted for alleged embezzlement.

When he requested asylum at the Mexican Embassy in Quito in December, he did not have an arrest warrant, issued at the beginning of last January.

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