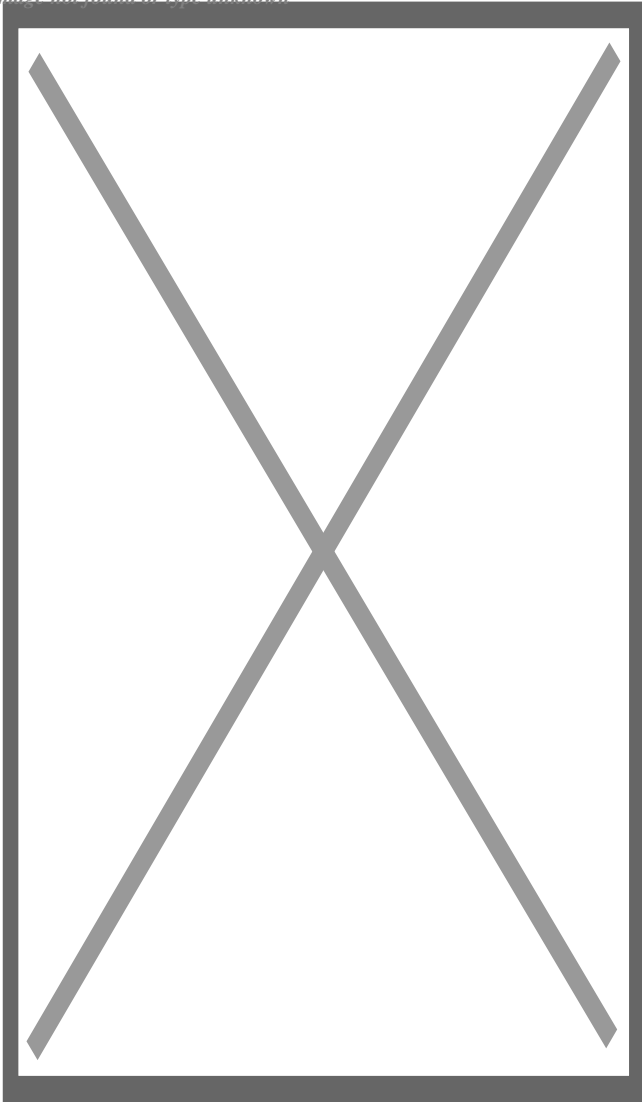


Venezuelan government issues arrest warrant against far-right opposition figure Edmundo González

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Caracas, January 3 (RHC)-- The Attorney General's Office of Venezuela issued an arrest warrant this Thursday against the far-right former candidate Edmundo González Urrutia for numerous crimes.

Through a statement, the entity specified the crimes for which González Urrutia is being sought by Venezuelan authorities and announced that a reward of 100,000 dollars is being offered to anyone who provides information about his whereabouts.

"For the crimes: Conspiracy, Complicity in the use of violent acts against the Republic, Usurpation of functions, Forgery of documents, Money laundering, Disrespect for state institutions, Incitement to disobedience of the laws, Criminal association, among others," the document states.

Following the results of the elections on July 28 in Venezuela, where President Nicolás Maduro was elected, the Venezuelan far-right, led by former candidate Edmundo González and opposition figure María Corina Machado, initiated a process of destabilization in the country, which led to the commission of several crimes by groups affiliated with the far-right.

These are cyber crimes, usurpation of functions, forgery of public documents, incitement to disobedience of the laws, conspiracy to commit a crime, and conspiracy, in which González Urrutia was implicated.

In that sense, he was summoned three times by the Venezuelan Prosecutor's Office, refusing to appear, and took refuge in the embassies of the Netherlands and Spain, respectively.

On September 7, González Urrutia left Venezuela for Madrid, the capital of Spain, from where he has begun calling for a civil war in the Bolivarian nation in recent weeks, violating the right of asylum, according to President Nicolás Maduro.

It is worth noting that before leaving Venezuela, the former opposition candidate personally signed a letter acknowledging President Nicolás Maduro's victory. In contrast, González Urrutia has stated that he will be present in Caracas on January 10, the day of Nicolás Maduro's inauguration as head of state for the 2025-2031 term.

U.S. Secretary of State, Antony Blinken, has recognized González Urrutia as the elected president, dismissing the results of the Venezuelan Supreme Court of Justice, which ratified Nicolás Maduro as the country's president with 51.20 percent, equivalent to 5,150,092 voters, against the 44.2 percent obtained by González Urrutia, equivalent to 4,445,978 votes.

Both the Venezuelan government and regional integration mechanisms such as ALBA-TCP have rejected the recognition by the U.S. of González Urrutia as the elected leader of Venezuela.

On December 20th, the Spanish Minister of Foreign Affairs, José Manuel Albares, confirmed that González Urrutia had been granted political asylum in that European country.

He had previously said he would return to Venezuela in January, and on Thursday, Argentina's government indicated he was en route to Buenos Aires.

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