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Spain withdraws its ambassador in Argentina after the “insults” of Javier Milei

It is not a breakup of relationships

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USPA NEWS - Spain has withdrawn its ambassador in Buenos Aires, in response to what they describe as attacks by the Argentine President, Javier Milei, who criticized in very harsh terms the Spanish Prime Minister, Pedro Sánchez, and his wife, Begoña Gómez, of whom Milei said that is corrupt. However, this Tuesday the Spanish Civil Guard informed the judge investigating Sánchez's wife that she found no criminal evidence in her activities.

The withdrawal of the ambassador in Buenos Aires, announced by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, José Manuel Albares, does not represent, for the moment, a rupture of relations "between two sister nations." The Spanish Government does not rule out a breakup if the disagreement continues to grow: it demands a rectification and subsequent apology from the Argentine President, but Milei asked himself this Tuesday "why do I have to apologize if I am the one offended?"

Members of his Government downplayed the importance of the open diplomatic crisis between Spain and Argentina, while on the street there were opinions of all kinds: from Argentine citizens who considered that the crisis seemed like a fight between teenagers to those who believed that the Spanish Government has fallen short with the measure.

But the Spanish Government is not willing to let the affront go. Already last week, the Prime Minister, Pedro Sánchez, had warned that the Government's response would be "in accordance with the dignity that Spanish democracy represents and the ties of brotherhood that unite Spain and Argentina, currently presided over by a president who, unfortunately, has not been up to par."

"What we experienced yesterday does not speak of what we Spaniards and Argentines feel. It does not speak of the union of two peoples who, in the most difficult moments, counted on each other's hand to be able to rise. It does not speak of the common roots that make us feel at home when we visit Buenos Aires or when the Argentine people visit Madrid," said Pedro Sánchez. On the other hand, he added, "what we experienced yesterday in Madrid does speak of the risk that the far-right international represents for societies like ours, which sustain our democracy on the pillars of economic progress, social justice and coexistence."

Sánchez said that "defending Spanish institutions from the insults and defamations that foreign leaders may eventually make does not understand ifs or buts because beyond ideology, there are education and patriotism."

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