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## PRESIDENT JAVIER MILEI MET WITH GENERAL LAURA RICHARDSON IN USHUAIA

On April 4, President Javier Milei traveled to Ushuaia, where a joint naval base is being built in the southernmost city on the planet. During his visit, the President held a brief meeting with the chief of U.S. Southern Command (SOUTHCOM), General Laura J. Richardson, who is visiting our country with the aim of continuing to strengthen the relationship of friendship and collaboration between both countries.

The President thanked the United States for the donation of a Hercules C-130 aircraft to the Argentine Air Force, a symbol of the solid existing bilateral cooperation. In the President's words, "this plane will help us maintain a permanent air link with our Antarctic bases and our South Atlantic islands, thus also strengthen our uninterrupted presence on the white continent."

The construction of the joint naval base is expected to

make it a major logistics center and will be the closest development port to Antarctica. Likewise, it will provide a logistics service to provide repairs and support work to cruise ships and commercial vessels that operate in the South Atlantic.

In this way, President Milei indicated, this base "will provide real logistical support to the scientific development of diverse international Antarctic programs and will allow Argentine and world ships and icebreakers to access Ushuaia for repair and resupply work, or any other services needed before taking the last step of their journey. It is the way to continue ensuring our sovereign rights in Antarctica, a territory in which we were the first country to have planted a flag, the country with the most permanent bases and the only one that has citizens living at the end of the world for more than a century, when the Orcadas station was founded in 1904." ■

## MEETING BETWEEN THE MINISTER OF SECURITY PATRICIA BULLRICH AND THE SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SECURITY ALEJANDRO MAYORKAS

On Tuesday, April 9th, Argentina's Minister of Security, Patricia Bullrich, held a working meeting with the Secretary of Homeland Security of the United States, Alejandro Mayorkas, at the Department of Homeland Security in Washington DC.

The Minister was accompanied by the National Directors for International Cooperation Policy, Alberto Fernando Föhrig, and for Criminal Intelligence, Ricardo José Ferrer Picado, the Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of the Argentine Embassy in this country, Adrián Nador, and the Head of the Political Section at the Embassy, Ricardo Lachterman.

During the meeting, which lasted approximately an hour,

participants exchanged their perspectives on the current situation in our countries, and the regional challenges we face together. They also discussed the regulatory framework and the appropriate tools required to combat complex and organized crime, border surveillance technology, illegal fishing, the exchange of relevant information and the need to maintain the ongoing cooperation to address transnational threats.

Finally, Minister Bullrich and Secretary Mayorkas agreed to continue deepening that cooperation between both agencies.

This bilateral meeting between the highest authorities in

Security Minister Patricia Bullrich and U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro Mayorkas.



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the field of internal security of the two countries took place during a visit by Minister Patricia Bullrich to Washington DC, where she participated in various activities, in particular those related to having assumed the presidency, on behalf of Argentina, of the Organization of American States' Department against Transnational Organized Crime. ■

Patricia Bullrich, Alejandro Mayorkas and teams at the Department of Homeland Security in Washington DC.





Consul General, Pablo Piñeiro Aramburu, participated in an event calling for the release of the hostages. Photo Credit: Liri Agami.

## NEW YORK: ARGENTINA PARTICIPATES IN AN EVENT CALLING FOR THE RELEASE OF HOSTAGES IN GAZA

On April 7, the Consul General of the Argentine Republic in New York, Minister Pablo Piñeiro Aramburu, participated in an event calling for the release of the hostages still held by the Hamas terrorist organization in Gaza, after the attack perpetrated against Israel on October 7 last year.

This event, organized by the Hostage and Missing Families Forum in New York City was attended by an estimated 7,000 people, and among its main speakers were Luis Har, an Argentine citizen rescued by the Israeli armed forces in February; Representatives Dan Goldman (D-NY) and Jerry Nadler (D-NY); former Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennet; Rabbi Jonathan Kroll, as well as relatives of hostages still held captive, in addition to the Consul General Piñeiro Aramburu.

In his address, the Argentine diplomat recalled the strong condemnation of the terrorist attack by Hamas more than six months ago by President Javier Milei. And, besides giving his firm support to Israel's right to exercise its legitimate defense, he emphasized his solidarity with the fellow nationals who suffered and continue to suffer -since to date there are still nine Argentine hostages- the atrocities carried out by this organization.

In that regard, he confirmed that from the very beginning of his administration, this situation has been a key priority for the government of President Milei, who before taking office on December 10, 2023, provided his unqualified support to the hostages' families on the occasion of a massive event organized in Buenos Aires. He also stressed that

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unconditional support in their demand for the immediate return of the other hostages.”

Finally, the Argentine representative concluded his speech by highlighting that “the task before us is not yet finished. There are still 134 hostages held in Gaza, of which 9 are Argentine, including the Vivas children. And there are remains that must be returned. We want all the hostages to return to Israel, to their homes, from where terrorists took them on October 7. Bring them home now!” ■

the same message of support for Israel and the hostages was consistently transmitted when the President traveled, together with the Secretary General of the Presidency Karina Milei and Foreign Minister Diana Mondino, to that country, in his first visit abroad as President of Argentina.

Likewise, the Consul in New York recalled President Milei's emotional visit, who along with Israel's President Isaac Herzog, went to Kibbutz Nir Oz during that official trip. There he met with former hostage Ofelia Roitman, who after her release returned for the first time to what had been her home. Later that same day, he also held a private meeting with other former hostages such as Ms. Gabriela Marman, and also with the relatives of people still held, such as the Horn, Vivas, Rudaeff and Cuño families.

As Minister Piñeiro Aramburu said, all of them received from the President “not only the details of the efforts that have been made, but also his empathy, affection and