



PRESIDENCIA
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DEL PARAGUAY

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OFFICIAL RESPONSE TO AL JAZEERA ENGLISH

Dear [REDACTED],

I write in response to your letter regarding allegations made by an individual identified as 'Shi Dizi' concerning alleged financial contributions to President Santiago Peña's 2023 presidential campaign.

Firstly, it must be noted that the President categorically denies these allegations in their entirety. The claims made by Mr. Shi Dizi are completely false. No such payments were ever received by the campaign, the President, or any authorized representative acting on his behalf. Furthermore, the President firmly denies being acquainted with any individual that goes under that name and acts on behalf of the mentioned organization.

Moreover, President Peña's presidential campaign fulfilled all legal obligations regarding electoral financing and operated with complete transparency. All contributions were properly documented and reported to the relevant Paraguayan authorities.

Given the administration's steadfast support for Taiwan and our diplomatic relationship, we are aware that we may be targets of disinformation or slanderous campaigns. However, we trust that Al Jazeera, as a respected international media organization, will verify any claims before publication and maintain the highest standards of responsible journalism.

Moreover, we reserve the right, if applicable, to file complaints with the relevant Paraguayan or foreign public authorities should said false allegations be presented to safeguard the President's name and well-earned prestige.

While we firmly defend freedom of speech and the press, we equally defend the truth and the President's reputation against baseless accusations.

Sincerely,
Marianna Saldivar
Minister-Secretary of the Presidential Delivery Unit
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