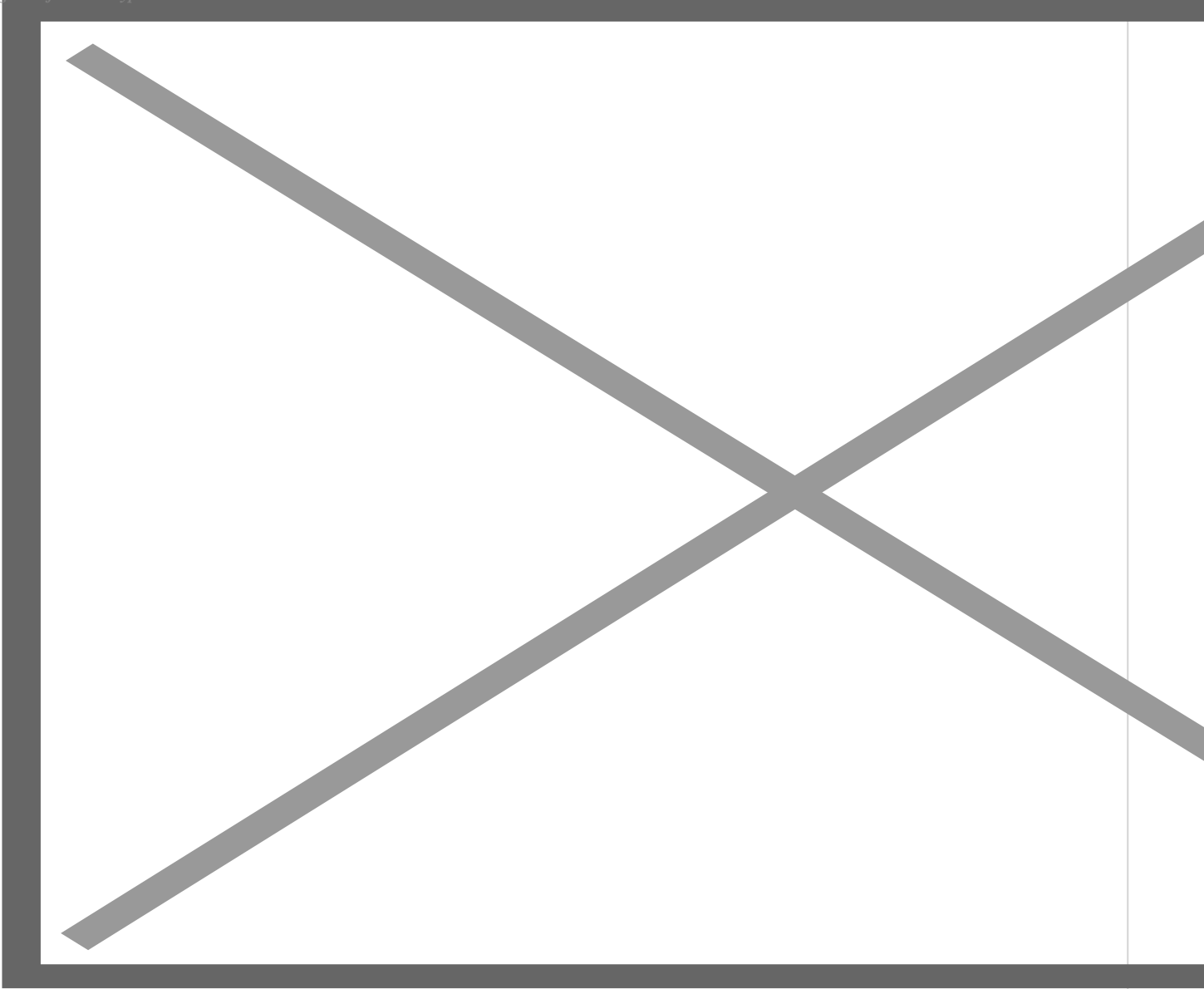


Cuban foreign minister congratulates Vietnamese counterpart on new appointment

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New Vietnamese Foreign Minister Bui Thanh Son

Havana, August 28 (RHC)-- Cuban Foreign Minister Bruno Rodriguez sent congratulations on Tuesday through his X account to his Vietnamese counterpart, Bui Thanh Son, on his appointment as Deputy Prime Minister of the Asian nation and wished the Vietnamese foreign minister success in his new position.

The top representative of Cuban diplomacy also reiterated the will to continue consolidating the relations of brotherhood and solidarity between both countries.

The day before, Vietnam's National Assembly approved the appointment of Nguyen Hoa Binh, Ho Duc Phoc and Bui Thanh Son as deputy prime ministers, and Do Duc Duy and Nguyen Hai Ninh to take over the reins of the ministries of Natural Resources and Environment, and Justice, respectively.

Revolutionary Cuba and Vietnam established diplomatic relations on December 2, 1960, which both governments describe as excellent.

The historic leader of the Cuban Revolution, Fidel Castro, visited Vietnam in September 1973 when it was still divided between North and South Vietnam. Fidel became the first and only world leader to tour North Vietnam during the U.S. war of aggression against the Southeast Asian country.

Fidel Castro crossed the 17th parallel, the dividing line between North Vietnam and the liberated territories of South Vietnam. Fidel and his delegation fulfilled a busy agenda that included visits to the Martyrs' Monument and to Ho Chi Minh's house, as well as official talks with Vietnamese leaders.

Fidel vowed to support the Vietnamese people during their struggle against U.S. imperialism and said that Cuban people would donate their own blood to the people of Vietnam to help them defeat our common enemy.

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