

# *Argentina Calls Out U.S. Republican Meddling in Nisman Case*

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Buenos Aires, January 31 (RHC-teleSUR) -- Argentinian Chief of Cabinet Jorge Capitanich accused U.S. Republican senator Marco Rubio of “imperialist behavior,” after the right-wing politician expressed doubts about the Argentinian government's ability to conduct the investigation into the death of the prosecutor Alberto Nisman.

“The Republic of Argentina is an autonomous, sovereign and independent country, Marco Rubio with his imperialist vision fails to recognize the United Nations charter since the meddling in the affairs of other states constitutes imperialist interference,” Capitanich said Friday during a press conference.

On Thursday, Rubio urged U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry to support the creation of an “independent, internationally assisted investigation” into the case.

“I am increasingly concerned about the ability of the Government of Argentina to conduct a fair and impartial investigation into his death, or its capacity to ensure the independence of a prosecutor that would continue Mr. Nisman's work,” said Rubio, who has spearheaded the push for hostile policies towards left-leaning governments in Latin America. “I thus urge the Administration to support the

establishment of an independent, internationally assisted investigation into Mr. Nisman's suspicious death.”

Capitanich called the proposal “unwarranted meddling” into the South American country's affairs.

Federal Attorney Alberto Nisman was found dead in his apartment in Buenos Aires on January 19th, the same day he was scheduled to attend a congressional hearing on the 1994 Mutual Israeli Argentine Association (AMIA) bombing case, which left 85 people dead.

The prosecutor had borrowed a handgun – the same one he allegedly used to commit suicide – the day before his death, after receiving a call from a former intelligence officer who had been his primary source of information in his investigation.

Cables revealed by Wikileaks suggest that Nisman was being advised by U.S. and Israeli intelligence services, and Argentinean officials investigating Nisman's death say the attorney's 300-page report indicate he was manipulated and being fed him false information. Officials also say rogue agents from Argentina's own intelligence services were behind the death.

President Cristina Fernandez, whose husband and late President Nestor Kirchner ordered the investigation into the AMIA bombing, was quick to cast doubt on the apparent suicide of the attorney.

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