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The United States Embassy in Madrid was attacked with an explosive package

Also, the Embassy of Ukraine

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USPA NEWS - The United States Embassy in Spain was the object of an attack on Thursday with an explosive package that was detected by the security services of the diplomatic legation and did not cause any personal or material damage. This is the sixth explosive package received in the last few hours, in addition to the United States Embassy, by the Spanish Prime Minister, Pedro Sánchez; the Spanish Ministry of Defense; the Embassy of Ukraine in Madrid; the Torrejón de Ardoz air base, where the Spanish Air Force shares space with NATO units; and a Spanish company, located in Zaragoza, that manufactures military material.

In all six cases, the characteristics of the brown envelopes containing the artifacts and their contents are similar: they had the same address, written in ballpoint pen and in capital letters. According to the Spanish Secretary of State for Security, Rafael Pérez, who appeared at a press conference at the headquarters of the Ministry of Homeland Affairs, the material is homemade, made up of "deflagrating substances," similar to those used in fireworks.

"There are indications that the envelopes come from Spanish territory, but I say this with all caution," added the government representative. The envelope received at the Torrejón base – addressed to the Satellite Center, which supplies information to Ukraine –, where there are areas for joint use with NATO, was not detonated, but could be neutralized by the agents, which "will make it easier to know the exact compounds and the investigation into the authorship of the shipment."

On Wednesday, two explosive packages were detected at the Ukrainian Embassy in Madrid and at a company in the city of Zaragoza, which manufactures military equipment. Both were intercepted by the corresponding security services, although the package sent to the Zaragoza company caused minor injuries to the hand of the company's security officer.

The last intercepted package was forwarded to the United States embassy in Spain. This is an envelope with similar characteristics to the previous ones that was detected at 12:30 p.m. in the building's security filter. The relevant police protocol was activated, the Embassy was cordoned off by the Spanish Police, and the package was detonated.

As it was learned this Thursday, on November 24, an envelope addressed to Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez was received at the Presidency of the Spanish Government, containing an incendiary device. The letter instilled suspicion in the secretary of the President of the Government, who called the security services of the Moncloa's Palace. Notified the Police, technicians in deactivation of explosives neutralized the shipment.

The Spanish Police do not rule out any hypothesis but, despite the fact that all the packages were sent from Spain, they suspect that they are related and are related to the war in Ukraine. The Police are on alert and all the diplomatic delegations of European Union countries have reinforced their security services, in anticipation of a wave of attacks on countries that support Ukraine in its war against Russia.

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