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## PARAGUAY EXPELS CHINESE ENVOY OVER TAIWAN 'INTERFERENCE'

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*Paraguay said on Thursday it had canceled a low-level Chinese diplomat's visa and ordered him to leave, after the envoy appeared to encourage lawmakers to reconsider Paraguay's friendly relationship with Taiwan.*

The foreign ministry accused Xu Wei of "interference in domestic affairs," while Taiwan's embassy said he had "infiltrated" Paraguay to undermine its relationship with Chinese-claimed Taiwan.

The ministry did not detail Xu's offence, saying he had violated the terms of his visa after arriving as part of a Chinese group for a UNESCO meeting. Xu was given 24 hours to leave.

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