

Officials Burn Cocaine Seized at Russian Embassy in Argentina

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Embassy of Russia in Argentina

Russia's ambassador in Argentina took part in a ceremony to burn hundreds of kilos of cocaine that were seized in a busted South American drug smuggling operation to Russia.

A year-long joint investigation, in which more than 350 kilograms of cocaine were discovered at the embassy's school grounds, has led to six arrests, including the suspected mastermind of the operation.

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Russian state news footage [showed](#) Argentina's security minister and the Russian ambassador wearing surgical masks while throwing wrapped packages into an incinerator on Tuesday.

The haul was shown burning inside the furnace, with smoke coming out of the chimney.

The Russian embassy website [cited](#) Ambassador Dmitry Feoktistov calling for further Russian-Argentinian cooperation against drug smuggling.

“The active part of the operation to stop the supply of drugs is over, but we certainly hope that this is the start of new cooperation between Russia and Argentina,” the state-run TASS news agency [quoted](#) him as saying.

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