



El Salvador: New President Takes Responsibility for Drowning Deaths of Father and 2-Year Old Daughter in Rio Grande

Following the drowning deaths of a man and his young daughter who were trying to enter Texas illegally, Salvadoran President Nayib Bukele, who has only been in office for one month, declared, "It's our fault." While some leftist Democrats blamed Trump for the tragedy, President Bukele, who campaigned on fixing his country, pointed out that the dead man and his family fled El Salvador due to poor living conditions. He asked, "What if there's a little girl who had a decent school here, a decent health care system for her and her family, a decent house with water supply, a job for his parents, for his mother and his dad, a decent job, living in a zone where a gang member would not come to rape her and kill her family?"

When a father and his two-year-old daughter from El Salvador drowned in the Rio Grande trying to illegally enter the United States last week, Democrats running for president immediately blamed President Trump.

But the new president of El Salvador, who took office just a month ago, declared "it is our fault."

"People don't flee their homes because they want to," Salvadoran President Nayib Bukele said during a weekend press conference in San Salvador. "They flee their homes because they feel they have to."<

"We can send all the blame to any government we like," he said. "We can say President Trump's policies are wrong. We can say Mexico's policies are wrong. But what about our blame? What country did they flee? Did they flee the United States? They fled El Salvador, they fled our country. It is our fault," said Bukele, who took office on June 1 after campaigning on fixing the country's many problems.

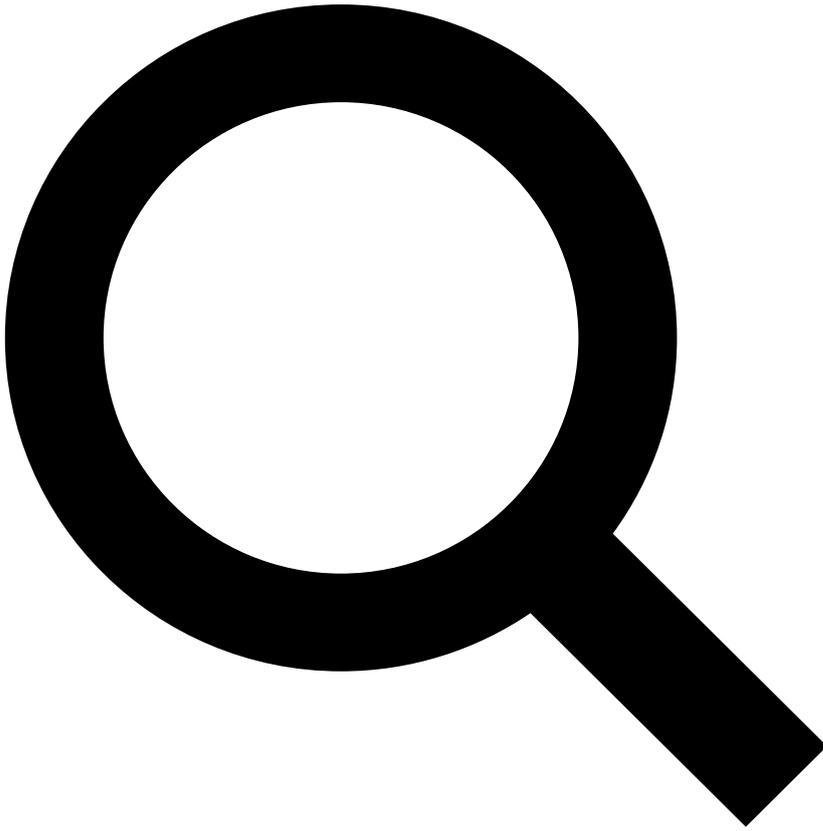
On Monday, some 200 relatives and friends gathered for a funeral ceremony for the father and daughter, Óscar Martínez and 23-month-old Angie Valeria Martínez. They carried flowers and green palms, with some carrying signs bearing the logo of the Alianza soccer team favored by Martínez.

The father and daughter were found face down on the Mexico

side of
the river across from Brownsville, Texas. Bukele said the
Salvadoran
government failed to protect the 25-year-old Salvadoran and
his
daughter.

“We haven’t been able to provide anything, not a decent job,
not a
decent school,” he said. “What if there’s a little girl who
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While
the father clearly bears the responsibility for trying to
cross a
dangerous river while carrying his daughter, some Democratic
presidential candidates pointed the finger elsewhere. Robert
“Beto”
O’Rourke said there’s only one person to blame: “Trump is
responsible
for these death.”



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Salvadoran President Nayib Bukele: