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- **Reactivated Anti-Coup Plan against destabilizing attempts by fascist right wing**

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The President of the Republic, Nicolas Maduro, said it was reactivated the anti-coup plan preemptively against any attempt to destabilize the country that may seek to create violent groups of the fascist right wing.

This was explained by the president on Monday during his participation at the premiere of the “Con el Mazo Dando” (Hitting with the Club), led by the president of the National Assembly, Diosdado Cabello, broadcast by Venezolana de Television.

“There are minds filled with hate, financed from Miami, to fill with blood the streets of Venezuela in the celebrations of February 12”, said Maduro.

“I have reactivated the anti-coup plan (...) we have met these early mornings and have ready the plans that we will activate throughout the country (...) area by area and name by name. We will not allow them to destabilize the country”, said the president.

He stated, “It is time to take positions in history. It is time to defend the revolution”.

Maduro urged the armed forces to “stand firm against any conspiratorial acts (...) they (the opposition) want to create unrest in the economic and social scopes (...) also, they want to conquer a military chief to create divisions in the Armed Forces” he said.

“We will strengthen measures to protect the state, by the enabling act, I’ll find a way for anyone who goes walking by in coup plans, could not ever apply any longer for any political office”, he said.

- **Maduro: Let us keep working, let no one be disturbed**

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After violent demonstrations led by fascist groups who attempt to destabilize the country, President Nicolas Maduro, said on Tuesday night that the far right wing is only looking to fill the country with blood.





From Miraflores Palace in Caracas, Maduro, who heads the Council of Governors and Mayors to discuss the Bolivarian Law of Fair Prices, accused some right wing sectors of wanting to make some young people crazy to throw them into violence.

In that sense, Maduro urged the Venezuelan people to join the National Pacification Plan. "I call on the whole Venezuela to keep working, let no one be disturbed".

He recalled that this February 12 would be in "A fabulous event of civic- military union in La Victoria, Aragua state, decreed by the Head of State as the capital of the country for 24 hours, in commemoration of the bicentennial of the Battle of La Victoria.

- **Parliament's chief blames on opposition for the murder of revolutionary man**

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Caracas, 12 Feb. AVN.- The chief of the National Assembly (AN) Diosdado Cabello blamed the Venezuelan right for the death of a militant revolutionary occurred Wednesday.

He pointed to the far-right leaders, Leopoldo Lopez and Maria Machado, organizers of the march in which a young man known as Juancho died.

"They are responsible," he said, "they fail to make the grade and will never rule this country. What do they think?" lawmaker said at the solemn session conducted by the National Assembly, in Aragua state, to mark the bicentenary of the Battle of La Victoria.

During the event Cabello confirmed the death of Juancho and said "We will not turn the other cheek all the time. We will not do it," he said.

He asked the people to be alert because "they (the opposition) has only one objective: to take control of the country to give it to the American empire."

"The people, the civil-military unit is a guarantee of the Bolivarian Revolution," he stated, and then invited people to stay organized and mobilized, without anarchy.

"Many battles have been fought these years, many battles with Commander Chavez at the forefront. If they could not beat Chavez, will not be able to beat his sons."

Cabello said that the murderers of Juancho will take responsibility. "Be assured. No more impunity that makes a lot of damage to any government and a



Revolution. Trust us. We are going to take action, the murder of Comrade Juancho will not go unpunished."

- **National Government guarantees peace, democracy**

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Caracas, 14 Feb. AVN.- Venezuelan president Nicolas Maduro affirmed Thursday that the National Government is going to guarantee peace and democracy in the country.

"We all have a clear conscience and project. If you want democracy, dialog and justice, welcome then. We are obliged to defend this deeply democratic project, we are obliged to do justice and so it will be," said the President to the country in nationwide radio and television hookup, after violent actions headed by rightist groups resulted in three people dead and 66 injured.

Venezuela retrieved its real democracy when commander Hugo Chavez became president, Maduro remarked.

"The vein of real democracy, respect to human and civil rights, broad freedoms, invisible people that now are protagonists in leading the Republic, came in hand with Hugo Chavez," he stressed.

The Venezuelan President underscored that the Bolivarian Revolution is the only way to guarantee peace and stability in the country.

"Imagine we would had the speech of fascist and violent rightists. Do you think it would be possible to do politics, travel around the country? You could not move not even a centimeter in national territory," the President said.



Maduro said the Executive is oriented to get "more and more coexistence, more tolerance," also stressing that in order to build peace, it's necessary to "extricate oneself from violence."

In addition, the Venezuelan President called on citizens to join the State in actions for justice and peace.

- **Government sends evidence of opposition violence to foreign media in the country**

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Caracas, 14 Feb. AVN.- Venezuela's Communication and Information Ministry is sending to foreign correspondents accredited in the country photographs that prove violent actions headed by opposition groups last February 12th.

Minister Delcy Rodriguez informed in her Twitter profile @DrodriguezMinci on Friday that photographs were being sent "to see if they were able to tell the truth of what is happening in Venezuela."

Likewise, she claimed that media transnationals are fostering a putschist plan and present fake evidence of alleged aggressions on behalf of Venezuelan security bodies.

"Media carrying out putschist plan sell fake reality of disappeared and tortured in the country," minister Rodriguez posted to the social network.

In addition, she said "we understand they refer to the black file of disappeared, tortured, murdered by governments in the past before the Bolivarian Government came into office. Tyrants yesterday are the same tyrants in the present."

"Who would believe in alleged peaceful students before irrefutable pictures of overwhelming violence in major cities of the country?," wondered the Minister in another message.

President Nicolas Maduro had requested minister Rodriguez to take measures and talk with AFP correspondents in Venezuela for having distorted the real events that occurred last Wednesday in the country, when three people died, 66 were injured and over 70 are under investigation.

- **Bolivarian Revolution to overcome putsches through the Constitution, law**

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Caracas, 13 Feb. AVN.- President Nicolas Maduro warned Wednesday that a coup d'état is under way against the Venezuelan democracy, on the context of





riots and murders led by rightists groups in Caracas and several cities of the country.

"We are facing a developing coup d'état in Venezuela and the Bolivarian Revolution is going to triumph through the Constitution, its laws and there will be peace in Venezuela," said the President at an official event in central state of Aragua.

President Maduro deplored the bloodshed on Wednesday, "due to a small group of irresponsible, violent leaders, filled with hatred and personal ambitions, funded in the United States of North America by neofascist groups."

Justice will take care of those responsible for the death of two people and 23 injured in the surroundings of the Public Ministry last Wednesday afternoon, said Maduro.

"I swear to my people that justice will be brought for the blood shed today in Venezuela. I swear justice will be brought in Venezuela. We want peace and justice."

In this connection, the President informed that arrest warrants have been issued against Ivan Carratu Molina, a former presidential guard chief under the Carlos Andres Perez Administration, and former Venezuelan ambassador to Colombia, Fernando Gerbasi, due to their alleged connection to riots. A recording was broadcast short ago, in which these two people comment that events on February 12th would be similar to April 2002.

"How would they know that there would be any dead in Venezuela today? Pay attention Venezuela because Mr Gerbasi told Ivan Carratu Molina that somebody called him, that he was called by the same person who warned him on April 11th 2002, to be careful that some people would die, to prevent being on the front line (of the march)," Maduro wondered.

As a matter of fact, president Maduro underscored that those who insist on stirring hatred among the population will be arrested. "That who practices violence will face justice, wherever he is. We cannot allow them to continue shedding blood; we will not allow more disasters."

The President reaffirmed his call on Venezuelans to keep calmed. "I urge unity in the entire Venezuela to condemn violent people, fascists, those who want to impose intolerance and hatred among us. Let's be united."

Likewise, he urged the opposition to hear people's voice, claiming for peace. "The right to life and peace for our people must be respected here."

The heart of the Venezuelan people has been hurt due to the irresponsibility of violent and fascist groups, who "shed the blood of Venezuelan men and youth," Maduro said.





"We've made all efforts to keep Venezuela in the path of peace. Election number 19 in 15 years took place just eight weeks ago. The Revolution triumphed with 55 per cent of the vote, we won 76 per cent of mayor's offices. Is it that nothing is enough for the opposition? Nothing is enough for this little rightist group."

- **Rightist riots resulted in three people murdered, 66 injured**

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Caracas, 13 Feb. AVN.- Venezuelan Public Prosecutor General Luisa Ortega Diaz informed that riots staged on Wednesday by violent rightist groups in five states of the country resulted in three dead and 66 injured.

"As a result of these violent, fascist, terrorist actions, not only against the Prosecutor, Public Ministry employees and Venezuelan State, three people died," said Ortega Diaz in her weekly radio program on Thursday.

At a march convened by rightist sectors in Caracas on Wednesday, violent groups headed riots in the surroundings of the Public Ministry, in downtown Caracas. Two people died there: Juan Montoya, member of a social movement, and Bassil Da Costa, college student. At night, another man died in eastern Caracas.

The Prosecutor detailed that nine people were injured in Caracas; 41 in Aragua state; 11 in Merida; four in Lara and one in Tachira. 17 of those injured are police or military officers; 49 are civilians. There were also 54 vehicles damaged; six of them belong to the State and the rest to citizens.

There are 69 people arrested who will be taken to control courts, which shall determine their release or imprisonment.

No impunity

All required investigations and procedures will be carried out by the Public Ministry to determine material and intellectual responsibilities in the face of these events, said General Prosecutor Luisa Ortega Diaz.

"There will be no impunity. We are going to investigate... Justice will be brought... Confide in the institutions and those who chair them," she said. For it, raids, inspections and arrests are currently under way.

Ortega Diaz added that authorities will "carry out all efforts to achieve peace and request sanctions for those responsible."

Since last Wednesday, she said, inspectors were distributed along the country "bravely and fearlessly" to address investigations, despite attacks against the



institution. In fact, the Prosecutor said she is going to head investigations herself.

Furthermore, the Prosecutor recalled that in a wave of violence staged after the victory of Nicolas Maduro as Venezuelan President, on April 2013, when "these fascists and terrorists intended to destabilize," the Public Ministry had a forceful performance.

In that opportunity, violent groups attacked seats of public offices and the United Socialist Party of Venezuela (PSUV), as well as poor sectors of the country; it resulted on 11 people dead.

Armed attack

Cartridge cases were collected in different areas of the Office of Public Prosecutions, which evidences those violent groups fired arms against an institution where 800 people labor, Luisa Ortega Diaz said.

"They wanted to carry out terrorist and fascist actions... We are facing once again a similar situation to that occurred in the year 2002," when rightist sectors broke the constitutional order violently.

Events occurred on Wednesday were planned, she added, because groups had bags with supplies to cause disasters.

The Office of Public Prosecutions has photographic material and videos taken from different angles to confirm the events, Ortega Diaz noted.

Also, she said that rightist sectors intend to blur the call to peace made by Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro. In fact, she said that violent events may be controlled. "They may have even brought hired killers."

In turn, president Nicolas Maduro warned last Wednesday night that a coup d'état is under way in Venezuela.

"There is a fascist group using public freedom and democracy to do public politics and prepare to overthrow the Government," Maduro said.



- **Joy, public-spiritedness characterize revolutionary youth march**

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Caracas, 12 Feb. AVN.- Joy and public-spiritedness have been common denominator at a mass march carried out by revolutionary youth on Wednesday to commemorate the bicentennial of the Battle of La Victoria and National Youth Day.

Thousands of citizens march across the country on Wednesday. In Caracas, youth walked in the city center, where the Spanish empire to try to intimidate patriots in their struggle for independence exhibiting the head of Gen. Jose Felix Ribas.

Among marchers, Jose Bonacho said that in this opportunity, as in many others, young patriots boast that patriotic feeling amid an environment of peace. "It proves that youth is spearhead of this revolution."

Similarly, Estefany Gallardo commented about the march that they were "all very calmed, walking, and very happy."

Meanwhile, in the city of La Victoria, where the historic battle took place, it is expected a special session of the National Assembly, as well as a civil-military parade to remember the heroic deed commanded by Ribas and accompanied by hundreds of young people.

"We are the future and guarantee of peace," said Abrahan Arellano in La Victoria, declared by President Nicolas Maduro as capital city of the country for 24 hours.



Remarking that youth enjoy today several social programs, different to decades ago, Arellano added: "We are the golden youth, we are (Hugo) Chavez's youth."





- **Fascists may be defeated through law, people's power: Maduro**

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Caracas, 12 Feb. AVN.- Venezuelan president Nicolas Maduro commented last Tuesday that "fascists are defeated through the implementation of the law and people's mobilization."

In the face of destabilizing plans on behalf of conservative groups, Maduro said, revolutionary forces must become guarantee of peace, without giving way to provocation.

At a meeting with socialist governors and mayors, in Caracas, Maduro said: "I tell the entire Bolivarian movement, the great force that makes up majority, let's not give way to provocation. Let's not allow them to lead us to violence. In this time, I ask for utmost discipline and coordination."

In this connection, he also requested opponents to his Administration not to be "dragged by the putschist option fostered by extreme right groups that want to impose the same they did in the 2002 coup d'état: sabotage and riots."

The Venezuelan President reaffirmed those groups will not be able to halt the Bolivarian Revolution. "They have not been able through electoral mans, neither coups. They can't beat Venezuela. We will be strengthened with those attacks."

- **Venezuelan people to march for peace, coexistence next Saturday**

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Caracas, 14 Feb. AVN.- A large march has been announced for next Saturday morning against fascism and violence, informed Venezuelan president Nicolas Maduro.

"Next Saturday, the entire people of Caracas will mobilize against fascism, violence and coups to prove that what we want in the street is peace, coexistence, democracy and socialism," said Maduro at Miraflores Presidential Palace, in Caracas, last Thursday night.

Addressing the country in the face of recent violent actions that resulted in three people dead, the President said that he is going to join the march of social and political forces of the country in favor of peace.

"We must continue determined to peace and love among Venezuelans. Let's join this great march convened for next Saturday morning," said Maduro. In view of rightists' intentions to carry out a coup d'état, Maduro said it is highly important to keep "permanently together"





President Maduro also called on Venezuelans to pay attention to the Plan of Peace and Coexistence, to be launched on Friday amid actions to become Venezuela a territory of peace.

- **Government receives credentials of ambassadors to Venezuela**

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Venezuela extends and strengthens bilateral relations by the hand of Nicolas Maduro, President of the Republic, who received, on behalf of the Venezuelan people, the credentials of ambassadors appointed to the Bolivarian Government.

From the Simon Bolivar Hall in Miraflores Palace, in Caracas, the Venezuelan president received Monday night the credentials of the Ambassador of the Holy See, Aldo Giordano, of the Republic of Turkey, Şule Öztunç, of the French Republic, Frederic Desagneaux, of the Arab Republic of Egypt, Ayman Mohamed Amin Tomoum, of the Republic of Paraguay, Enrique Jara Ocampo, and from the Federal Republic of Brazil, Ruy Carlos Pereira.

Representatives of the United Mexican States, Leandro Arellano Resendiz, the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Rabiú Dagari, the Republic of Peru, Mario Lopez Chavarri, and the Republic of Gambia, Momodou Badjie, also presented their credentials as diplomats from their countries.

- **Venezuela, Paraguay foreign ministers meet in Caracas**

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Caracas, 12 Feb. AVN.- Venezuelan foreign minister and his Paraguayan counterpart Eladio Loizaga are expected to meet in Caracas on Wednesday.

Loizaga visits Venezuela with a view to strengthen bilateral relations and discuss about the Common Market of the South (MERCOSUR), whose next summit has been set for this month in Caracas, reported Telesur.

The two foreign ministers are also expected to review commercial relations between the two nations and the possibility of increasing it.

In addition, they would analyze the possibility of setting an encounter between Paraguayan president Horacio Cartes and Venezuela's Nicolas Maduro.

Paraguay and Venezuela restored its relationship in October 2013; it had been broken in June 2012, when then Paraguayan president Fernando Lugo was overthrown.



Minister Loizaga had expressed last year that Jaua "came to our country to start the regularization of our diplomatic relations, historic relations we have and from now on we are amid an active agenda."

Presidents of the two nations had arranged the ministerial encounter during a conversation they held on August 2013, in the seventh ordinary meeting of heads of state and government of the Union of South American Nations.

- **Maduro: While the right wing keeps with its violence, we remain with the people**

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The President Nicolas Maduro expressed this through his account on the Twitter social network @NicolasMaduro, on that "while the fascist right wing keeps with its violence and madness, we do remain there, within the deep neighborhood, deep heart, always with the People's Power".

Then he said: "Barrio Nuevo Tricolor (the Tricolor New Neighborhood program) is the construction of Territorial Socialism, Socialism of the Concrete with communes as protagonists and power."

In a third tweet he said "We must seek for early and concrete results in building the Barrio Tricolor program, devoting more time to live and work in the field."

In a final tweet he added that "The Great Mission Barrio Nuevo Tricolor deserves more work, more deployment of efforts, much more of what we have done so far with the people."

The Head of State took the opportunity to write on his account regarding the activation of 15 new corridors that develops in much of the country, an activity which is headed by the Executive Vice President of the Republic, Jorge Arreaza.

- **PDVSA, Repsol ink \$ 1.2 billion agreement**

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Caracas, 14 Feb. AVN.- President of Venezuelan state oil company PDVSA, Rafael Ramirez, and his counterpart of Spanish company Repsol, Antonio Brufau, endorsed Friday a funding agreement by 1.2 billion dollars.

The agreement is aimed at funding joint venture Petroquiriquire, created in 2006 between PDVSA and Repsol. It operates at Quiriquire fields, eastern state of Monagas, and the fields Mene Grande, Barua and Motatan, in western Venezuela.



Venezuela's Ramirez said the agreement will allow to increase production to at least 75,000 barrels of oil per day, out of 40,000 that are currently being produced.

This funding model is fostered by the national industry to withstand new production volumes, with the support of international partners. The agreement was signed by Ramirez and Brufau in the seat of PDVSA, in the capital city of Venezuela.

- **Maduro celebrates triumph of “Azul y no tan rosa” film receiving Goya Award**

Source: Radio Nacional de Venezuela (RNV)

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President Nicolas Maduro celebrated the victory that got the national talent film “Azul y no tan Rosa” (Blue and not so pink) of Venezuelan director Miguel Ferrari, with a Goya Award.

This was announced through his account on the Twitter social network @NicolasMaduro, in which he wrote: “First time that a Venezuelan film gets the award of the Film Academy of Spain. Long live Venezuela!”

In a second tweet he said “Venezuela won the Goya Award with the “Azul y no tan Rosa” film of director Miguel Ferrari. Congratulations to @ll, from our Homeland.”

The film is a co-production between Spain and Venezuela and has the support of the National Autonomous Cinematography Center (CNAC) and the “Villa Del Cine” (Cinema Village) institution. It was released in November 2012, achieving to convene into local movie theaters to more than 568,000 spectators in 33 weeks of its release.

Ferrari, who has spent 15 years living between Caracas and Madrid (Spain), acknowledges that the idea of carrying this film came a few years ago, when in that country was debating the approval of same sex marriage. And seeing that in a European country were still sectors “that put their hands to the head”, he began to consider how it would be the situation in Venezuela.