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- **President Maduro: Let nobody be reliant, we are amidst a coup d'état**

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The President of the Republic, Nicolas Maduro, said on Sunday from Miraflores Palace in Caracas that “We are in complex times, let nobody be reliant, let nobody be deceived, we are in the midst of a coup d’état in full swing.”

The Head of State said that the vandalism acts that have been developed in recent days are part of a blackmail, whose aim is to show that there is a political crisis to justify foreign intervention in Venezuela.

“They wanted to sell the idea that the government represses. That screenplay comes written by those who pay and rule, from Madrid, Miami and Colombia”, he added in a national joint radio and television broadcast.

He also called for the humanistic and democratic consciousness of the Venezuelan people to overcome the wave of violence unleashed by the fascists.

- **Venezuelan people marched for peace and against fascist violence**

Source: MPPRE-Venezuelan Embassy in Bucharest

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The President of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Nicolas Maduro Moros, participated in the mobilization event for Life and Peace against fascist violence, which took place in Caracas’ Bolivar Avenue, condemning acts of violence promoted by right-wing sectors.

The head of State sent a message to the opposition leaders who have promoted acts of violence with conspiratorial purposes. “I want to tell to the crazy fascists: Maduro is not going to quit the power the people have given me. I am going to continue in power because the people are in power”.

Maduro denounced that Colombian ex-president Alvaro Uribe Velez is behind the movement that has generated these actions in Venezuela and added that Uribe is encouraging a coup d’état against the constitutional government.





Venezuelan Ministry of Foreign Affairs says "Yes to Peace!"

Workers of the Ministry of People's Power for Foreign Affairs marched to Bolivar Avenue to demand the cease of fascist violence and to back the measures in favor of peace that the Bolivarian Government is undertaking.

- **Violent groups are trained by opposition coalition MUD**

Source: Agencia Venezolana de Noticias (AVN)

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Caracas, 17 Feb. AVN.- Violent groups that have been causing countless material damages to public and private institutions, the death of three people and over 70 injured are elements trained and directed by members of coalition of opposition political parties MUD, said Venezuelan vice-president Jorge Arreaza.

In his Twitter profile @jaarreaza, the Vice-president said that "Those are violent groups trained and directed by MUD leaders and former candidates. Admit the truth, extricate yourselves from violence."

Vice-president Arreaza commented that following calls to stir violence in the streets with a view to overthrow Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro, now rightist sectors intend to make their supporters believe that pro-government forces are infiltrated among them.

"Now opposition argues that violence from their fascist group is due to Chavismo infiltrated. The height of cheek and manipulation," posted the Vice-president to the social network.

- **Venezuela to face media manipulation through legal channels**

Source: Agencia Venezolana de Noticias (AVN)

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Caracas, 17 Feb. AVN.- The Venezuelan Government is going to act through legal channels before the media manipulation against the country, on the context of rightist violent actions carried out nationwide, informed Communication and Information minister Delcy Rodriguez.

"We will not allow these kind of manipulation," said the Minister during a press conference last Sunday evening at Miraflores Presidential Palace, Caracas.

Condemning the harassment and attacks of fascist groups against public media outlets, Minister Rodriguez showed a series of manipulated pictures spread by national and international media as Spain's ABC, Chile's El Mercurio, Tal Cual and El Nacional.

In this connection, Rodriguez remarked that Spanish outlet ABC is "in a permanent dirty campaign against Venezuela."





"We would like to show this manipulation to the world and the national and international campaign under way today in Venezuela."

The Minister said that "there is enough evidence to prove the type of plan being carried out against Venezuela and its legitimate Government."

Therefore, she called on national and international media not to agree to putschist plans undertaken by rightist groups in the country.

- **Venezuela rejects statements by John Kerry on fascist violence in the country**

Source: Radio Nacional de Venezuela (RNV)

Date: 17th Feb. 2014

The Bolivarian government on Sunday rejected statements by the Secretary of State of the United States, John Kerry, on the fascist violence launched in recent days by right-wing groups in the country, by considering these a move by the U.S. administration to promote destabilizing plans in Venezuela.

"Obama's government lies when it brings into questioning the validity of human rights and democratic guarantees in our country. The institutions of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, established under the rule of law and justice, guarantee the exercise of political rights to all its citizens, in a framework of broad civic freedoms enshrined constitutionally", says the statement released by the Venezuelan Foreign Ministry.

Venezuela rejected the head of American diplomacy to have defended the calls to take the streets promoted by Leopoldo López to foster a coup in the country.

It added in the statement that the U.S. government "Is lying when it denounces the detention of peaceful anti-government protesters".

Following, the full text:

**BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA
MINISTRY OF PEOPLE'S POWER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS
COMMUNIQUE:**

The government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela strongly rejects the statements of the Secretary of State of the United States, John Kerry, as they are another more of the Washington Government's maneuvers to promote and legitimize the attempts to destabilize the Venezuelan democracy that have unleashed violent groups in recent days.

Obama's Government lies when it calls into question the validity of human rights and democratic guarantees in our country. The institutions of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, established under the rule of law and justice,





guarantee the exercise of political rights to all its citizens, in a framework of broad civic freedoms enshrined constitutionally.

The U.S. government is lying when it denounces the arrest of peaceful anti-government protesters. The Venezuelan state has acted and will continue doing so against the violent actions of right-wing factions who are dangerously conspiring against the democratic freedoms, by threatening the lives of our fellow citizens, against their freedom to peacefully exercise their rights, and against public and private property by vandalism punishable by law.

Secretary of State, John Kerry, on behalf of his government, defends the violent leader Leopoldo Lopez. The world must know that there is sufficient evidence of that the groups that have caused violence in recent days, are headed by Mr. Leopoldo López, against whom it has been waged a legal capture request for him to be put under the custody of the authorities, and there will be no force or blackmail to stop this decision of the Venezuelan authorities, necessary to restore peace in our country.

The U.S. government must be accountable to the Venezuelan people and the world, for allowing U.S. institutions and individuals to fund, promote and legitimize the actions of individuals and groups that violently threaten against the Venezuelan society, and who seek to twist the democratically expressed will of our people to build their destination sovereign in peace.

The Venezuelan people and government, hand in hand with all state institutions and organizations of people's power, will continue imperturbably exerting all actions that within the framework of the Constitution, the laws and principles of a genuine popular democracy, are necessary to ensure the normal development of society, and thus defeat the agenda of violence that openly promotes the imperial government of the United States.

We call on the most active solidarity of the independent governments and peoples of the world against this serious intervention by the United States of America.

Caracas, February 16, 2014

- **Rightists cannot defeat people's will**
Source: Agencia Venezolana de Noticias (AVN)
Date: 14th Feb. 2014

Caracas, 14 Feb. AVN.- Despite their new fascist attack, rightist sectors will not be able to defeat the Venezuelan people's willingness of peace and love, said Foreign Minister Elias Jaua on Friday.

"Our homeland and Venezuelan people are victims of a new fascist attack... Neither fostering violence nor groups trained by leaders of Venezuelan fascism would be able to defeat the Venezuelan people's willingness of peace and love





to continue building a homeland where we all fit in with justice and dignity," Jaua said during the first encounter of Mercosur Labor in Caracas.

In addition, Foreign Minister Jaua condemned that international media outlets distort the country's reality to favor rightists.

"They want to distort reality in such a way that they intend to say that violence has been fostered by the Government itself to justify repression against fascist groups," he stated.

In fact, he added that "it's surprising the exercise of lightness used by media transnationals to try to distort reality in a country."

Similarly, Jaua criticized that opposition leaders have called to streets and violence during the last three weeks through the media.

"Using all media outlets in the country, fascist leaders have called to overthrow the Government," remarked the foreign minister.

Nevertheless, Jaua underscored that "in Venezuelan people raised awareness to understand between the lines and the opposite of what the media corporations say about people who carry out successful battles with revolution and socialism."

- **Communiqué of Guyana Government on situation in Venezuela**

Source: MPPRE

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The Government of Guyana wishes to express grave concern over the escalating political unrest in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela. It is regrettable that the recent incidents have resulted in the loss of innocent life.

The Government of Guyana stands in solidarity with the Government of Venezuela and fully supports its efforts at withstanding acts of destabilisation.

The Government of Guyana hopes that peace and normalcy will soon prevail in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

Georgetown, 14 Feb. de 2014

- **Unasur Communiqué expressing rejection to attempts to destabilize the democratic order in Venezuela**

Source: MPPRE

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The member States of the Union of South American Nations (Unasur) express their firm rejection to the recent acts of violence in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and the attempt to destabilize the democratic order legitimately constituted through popular vote.

Upon expressing their solidarity to the families of the victims of the events, the States members make a call for peace and tranquility in the country and reaffirm their commitment to the preservation of the democratic institutions as a fundamental pillar in the process of regional integration.

The Members of Unasur repudiate the attempts of breaking the rule of law in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and highlight, also, the conviction that any claim must be channeled through democratic means.

In this regard, the member States encourage all political and social forces of the country to prioritize and seek the dialogue for the peaceful settlement of their differences within the constitutional legal framework.

- **Mercosur communiqué against attempts to destabilize the democratic order**

Source: MPPRE

Date: 14th Feb. 2014

The member States of MERCOSUR, in light of the recent acts of violence in the sister Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and of the attempts to destabilize the democratic order:

Repudiate all kinds of violence and intolerance regardless of their origin that seek to threaten democracy and its institutions, either should be their origin.

Reiterate their firm commitment to the full validity of democratic institutions and, in this context, reject the criminal actions of violent groups that intend to spread intolerance and hatred in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela as an instrument of political struggle.

Express their earnest rejection to threats of breaking the democratic order legitimately constituted through popular vote and reiterate their firm position in the defense and preservation of democratic institutions, in accordance with the Ushuaia Protocol on Democratic Commitment in Mercosur in 1998.

Urge the parties to continue deepening the dialogue on national issues within the framework of democratic institutions and the rule of law, as it has been promoted by President Nicolas Maduro Moros in recent weeks with all sectors of society including Parliamentarians, Mayors and Governors from all political parties.

Finally, express their most sincere condolences to the families of the victims, as a result of provoked serious riots, and they fully trust that the Venezuelan





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Government will not rest in the effort to maintain peace and full guarantees for all citizens.



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