

# Washington and the wars against Venezuela

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Since Hugo Chávez's presidential victory in 1999, the United States has engaged in all kinds of aggression, attacks, coup attempts, invasions, and economic blockades in

an attempt to overthrow the Bolivarian Revolution.

The tenacious resistance of the Venezuelan people, the constant initiatives of the Chávez government, first, and then that of Nicolás Maduro, to dismantle this hybrid war, together with the unity achieved between the army, the government, and the Bolivarian people, have thwarted all the actions launched by the United States.

One of the latest chapters in this war imposed by the government of convicted President Donald Trump was to offer a \$50 million reward for information leading to the “capture” of the democratically elected President Nicolás Maduro. All in the best style of the so-called old American West, which used posters to offer rewards for the capture of any individual who had committed a misdeed.

Such imperial ignominy, driven by the mythomaniac and corrupt US Secretary of State Marco Rubio, cannot be allowed by the peoples of our America.

They are doing this to criminalize a president who does not obey Washington’s dictates, which is trying to reapply the Monroe Doctrine and, at the same time, encourage gangs or individuals to commit crimes in search of a reward.

In recent weeks, in various parts of Venezuela, the internal security forces have seized more than 1,500 boxes containing explosives, sniper rifles, shotguns, automatic weapons, ammunition of all calibers, various rolls of detonating cord, among other materials intended for use in attacks, creating chaos, and providing grounds for launching a military invasion under the false pretext that the Bolivarian government was incapable of controlling a supposed “civil war.”

The attack planned for Plaza Bolívar alone, where 18 kilos of HMK, a fast-spreading explosive, were to be detonated, would have caused, in a second, according to the Vice President of Politics, Citizen Security, and Peace, Diosdado Cabello, “a shock wave that would have reached 9.1 kilometers” and if all the charges planned for

Plaza Bolívar had exploded, “they would have had a lethal impact of 911 meters and the shrapnel would have reached 1,200 meters.”

Cabello specified that these terrorist acts are part of a plan orchestrated by the extreme right, always under the direction of the United States, with the aim of attacking national government figures, military installations, gas stations, public spaces, and seeking regime change with the departure of President Maduro.

As a culmination of Washington’s aggressive actions against the Bolivarian Revolution, on August 8, Trump signed an executive order, without consulting Congress, authorizing the use of military force against Latin American drug cartels.

In a military move unprecedented since the invasion of Panama in 1989, the United States is deploying military forces in the Caribbean with several warships, submarines, aircraft, and marines to operate near and menace the coast of Venezuela under the old excuse of “fighting drug trafficking.” It should be remembered that many thorough studies have shown that drug trafficking goes North through the Pacific and is miniscule in the Caribbean.

A statement issued by the Casa de las Américas in Cuba denounces that “history shows that this supposed fight against drugs is in reality an excuse to develop an imperialist intervention in our continent” and calls on the Latin American peoples to denounce it, as several governments in the region have already done.

The document adds that “at the same time, Marco Rubio, in an interview published on the official website of the State Department, announces that his government will inevitably have to confront Venezuela’s ‘narco-terrorist regime’ with more than just rewards,” and mentions Colombia, with its “erratic president,” among the countries that must return to the path of greater subordination.

For its part, the ALBA-TCP Continental Alliance stated that “the drums of war are

sounding in the United States in clear violation of the 2014 CELAC Declaration, which proclaimed Latin America and the Caribbean a Zone of Peace, and seek only to strengthen their geopolitical control over our territories and common goods.”

This is the so-called imperial arrogance that, despite its constant international decline, seeks to maintain its control over the entire Latin American region.

Cuban President Miguel Díaz Canel, at the recently concluded 13th Extraordinary Summit of ALBA-TCP, stated that “the region is experiencing times of enormous challenges and exceptional risks, and there is no alternative but to confront the empire that seeks to subordinate us to its interests.” These actions, he stressed, are being promoted by the most narco-state in the world, which is the United States.

In the face of this enormous threat from the United States against Venezuela, it is imperative that the peoples and governments of the world, and especially those of Latin America, denounce in all international forums the danger of these actions, which could cause great disasters and numerous deaths in a region that for years has rejected the nefarious Monroe Doctrine.

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