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# **President Maduro: ‘Venezuela is not the Tren de Aragua, it is a country of honest people’**

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President Maduro stressed that these xenophobic statements are made from the United States to justify an armed intervention. In contrast, Maduro stressed that “Venezuela is a country full of values and collective desire to live. Especially today in the United States they intend to lie and say that Venezuelans are a derivation of a criminal gang that we exterminated here.” Photo: Presidential Press

Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro said Wednesday, Oct. 15, that xenophobic claims that compare Venezuelans with criminal groups such as the Tren de Aragua, which was exterminated by the nation’s military police force, must cease.

“The discriminatory and xenophobic statements of comparing Venezuelan identity with criminal groups attacked and exterminated in Venezuela must cease,” the president said when leading a new meeting of the National Council of Sovereignty and Peace.

Likewise, the dignitary stressed that “Venezuela is not the train of Aragua, it is a country of honest, humane, hardworking people.”

“When Venezuelans, the product of a brutal economic war, of silent missiles that sought to destroy the body and the economic and social soul of the country, had to leave and found the demon of xenophobic campaigns and violence,” Maduro said.

Meanwhile, he added that “especially today in the United States they intend to lie and say that Venezuelans are a derivation of a criminal gang that we exterminated here: the Aragua train.”

On the other hand, the president insisted: “Venezuela is a country full of values and a collective desire to live, he said while stressing that the people are not afraid of anyone and want to prosper in peace.”

The statements are given within the framework of the convocation of the National Council of Sovereignty and Peace, which after a month of operation delivered to the head of state the results of the four working groups installed: International, Political, Communication and Economic, from which more than 30 activities were derived that will be implemented during the coming months.

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