



VENEZUELA DENOUNCES THE ATTACK PERPETRATED BY UNITED STATES TO THE ELECTRICAL SYSTEM OF THE NATION

The president of Venezuela, Nicolás Maduro, denounced a plot by the United States to desecrate the country, through the continuous sabotage of the national electricity infrastructure. He indicated that a series of cyber attacks have occurred since Thursday, March 7 through internal infiltrators to the state energy company Corpoelec, with high-tech mechanisms that are only in Washington's possession.

The head of state described the actions as a war of attrition by means of electromagnetic attacks against the transmission lines, causing a circle of interruption of the electric service and the constant wear in the reconnection in the affected substations.

Denounced that last Saturday, March 9 new attacks were reported again, this time against the the electric system in Caracas to

produce a twitch in the restoration of the system. Process started the same day of the first attack. However, he assured that the United States underestimates the Venezuelan people and warned that every attempt of aggression carried out by imperialism will meet with a strong response from the patriots that we love and defend, with courage, our nation.

President Nicolás Maduro said that Venezuela, requested the support of the UN and its allies Russia and China, to investigate the cyber attack of the United States. He also created an investigative commission and remarked on the arduous task of Estado Corpoelec to restore electric service after the imperial attack.

The President said he had "proof that the sabotage was ordered by the Pentagon and the Southern Command, directed from Houston and Chicago." He insisted that the objective of this attack was to unleash a civil conflict, which he denounced as terrorism and a serious violation of human rights only because of the ambition of political power of the stateless opposition, the imperialist ambition of the United States to put their hands oil, and the ambition of Donald Trump to add Venezuela to its wealth.

facts about the **ELECTRIC GRID SABOTAGE:**

How did the Venezuela blackout happen?

What caused the blackout?

- Electromagnetic** attacks on the energy delivery system.
- 150 substations** experienced cyber attacks from highly-advanced hacker technology.
- There was a cyber attack against the automated regulation system of the **Guri Hydroelectric Center**.

Why Venezuela suspects U.S. involvement:

- Three actors** tweeted self-implicating statements, some just moments after the blackout started.
- U.S. Sec. of State **Mike Pompeo** tweeted a veiled threat: "No food. No medicine. Now, no power. Next, no Maduro."
- Florida Senator **Marco Rubio** tweeted just 3 minutes after the blackout giving precise information no news outlet had yet.
- Opposition lawmaker **Juan Guaidó** tries to hold the population hostage, stating that energy will return when Maduro leaves.

How many states were affected?

18 states making up 70% of the country which are all gradually being reconnected.

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VENEZUELA ORDERS DEPARTURE FROM THE COUNTRY OF PERSONNEL AMERICAN DIPLOMAT IN 72 HOURS



The Chancellor of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Jorge Arreaza, clarified the decision of the National Executive to cease talks with the United States Government about a possible agreement for the mutual establishment of interest offices after the rupture of diplomatic relations that arose in last January.

In this regard, he explained that on Monday afternoon the Venezuelan diplomatic representative in Caracas, James Story, was summoned to the Venezuelan Foreign Ministry to inform him of the sovereign decision not to extend the presence of US personnel in Venezuela.

Foreign Minister Arreaza cited with emphasis the Official Statement by which the Bolivarian Government explains clearly “the risk to the national peace of the permanence of United States personnel in Venezuelan territory, information that was personally communicated to the diplomatic representative on the day of Yesterday”.

However, he ratified the unalterable willingness of the Venezuelan Executive to maintain channels of communication and dialogue with the US administration, “as long as these are developed within the framework of a relationship of equality and mutual respect.”

The Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela emphasized that if there is a willingness to restart talks on the possible establishment of interest offices, these should be advanced through the respective representations to the United Nations.



The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela informs the public of its decision of terminating the conversations between the Government of the United States and the Bolivarian Government of Venezuela with regards to a possible agreement for the mutual establishment of interest offices after the break in diplomatic relations; a process during which both parties committed to continue applying the privileges established by the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 1961 to the remaining personnel at the respective diplomatic missions.

Once the original thirty-day period, as well as the subsequent additional fifteen-day extension were expired, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela had decided not to grant a new extension for the permanence of the U.S. diplomatic agents still present in the country, in virtue of which, on March 11, 2019, the U.S. government has been asked to remove from the national territory the remaining personnel of its former Embassy in Caracas, within the next seventy-two hours, starting at the zero hour of March 12, 2019.

The permanence in Venezuelan territory of the abovementioned personnel entails risks to the country's peace, integrity and stability, as has been insinuated on numerous occasions by different spokespersons of the highest level in the Trump Administration, who have threatened with the use of military force under the pretext of protecting the diplomatic personnel in Caracas. They are the same officials that have systematically lied to the world regarding Venezuelan reality and have personally directed false flag operations to justify an intervention.

The Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela informs that if the will remains to resume conversations on the eventual establishment of interest offices, these shall be set forward through the respective representations before the United Nations. Likewise, Venezuela maintains its unalterable willingness to keep communication and dialogue channels open with the United States Government, as long as, throughout them, a relationship of equality and mutual respect, are maintained.

Caracas, March 12, 2019

THE SIXTH SIMÓN BOLÍVAR PUBLIC LECTURE



On February 18th, the Sixth Edition of the Bolivarian Chair was held, which takes place annually on the basis of the agreement signed between the Embassy of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela in Malaysia and the National University of Malaysia. On this occasion, and on the occasion of celebrating 200 years of the Speech of Angostura, the Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of the embassy, Morella Barreto López, made a dissertation on the historical significance of the Speech of El Libertador Simón Bolívar, delivered before the Constituent Congress of Angostura, Venezuela, on February 15th, 1819, in the framework of the war of independence of the Five Bolivarian countries -Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Bolivia- liberated by Bolívar before the Spanish Empire. Later, the ambassador of Cuba in Malaysia, Ibete Fernandez, reflected on the influence and coincidence of the thinking of the Cuban hero, Jose Martí, with that of Simón Bolívar.



University professors took the opportunity to show their solidarity with Venezuela by endorsing the letter addressed to the people of the United States, the constitutional president of the Republic, Nicolás Maduro, in the "Hands off Venezuela" campaign.

VISIT OF VICE MINISTER RUBEN DARIO MOLINA TO BRUNEI



The Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs of Brunei, Ms Norhashimah Hassan, welcomed the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs for Asia, Middle East and Oceania of Venezuela, Ruben Molina, at a very cordial meeting held at the Brunei International Convention Center Darussalam. Vice Minister Molina explained the violation of the Charter of the United Nations by the United States when he ignored the legitimate government of President Nicolás Maduro and recognized a self-proclaimed deputy president of the country. Likewise, the bilateral relationship and the mutual desire of both governments to deepen diplomatic relations were discussed.

VICEMINISTERS OF RELATIONS FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF VENEZUELA AND THAILAND MET IN BANGKOK



Ruben Dario Molina, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs for Asia, Middle East and Oceania of Venezuela, met with Damrong Kraikruan, Deputy Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand, on March 4th. Molina explained the truth of Venezuela, referring to the attempted coup d'etat, promoted by the United States, by raising the self-proclamation as president of the Republic, of a deputy of the National Assembly in contempt, figure not provided for in the Constitution of the Republic Bolivarian of Venezuela. The two deputy ministers assured their interest in deepening the diplomatic relations between both States, respect for the Charter of the United Nations and international public law.