

Denunciation of Trump's Threat of Force Against Venezuela

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Trump is the latest in a long line of US warrior presidents, a war party president like his predecessors, continuing America's war on humanity – using an inordinate amount of the nation's resources on militarism, mass slaughter and destruction.

He's currently at war in multiple theaters, threatening more on North Korea, Iran by illegal sanctions and sabotaging the nuclear agreement, risking confrontation with Russia and China, along with a "military option" against Venezuela at his discretion.

His hawkish rhetoric ignited a firestorm in Latin America. Venezuelan **Defense Minister Vladimir Padrino** called his suggestion of possible military action "a crazy act, an act of supreme extremism," adding:

"There is an extremist elite in the US government, and I really don't know what is happening and what will happen in the world. If humanity will end. If planet Earth will end."

Former Venezuelan Foreign Minister/current Constituent Assembly president **Delcy Rodriguez** called his remarks "cowardly, insolent and vile threats."

"The anti-imperialist people of Venezuela (reject his) insults and aggressions."

Foreign Minister Jorge Arreasa denounced Trump, saying

"Venezuela rejects (his) unfriendly and hostile statements..."

His "reckless threats...are designed to draw Latin America and the Caribbean into a conflict that will irrevocably violate stability, peace and security in our region."

Ecuador denounced Trump's comments, expressing solidarity with the Bolivarian Republic.

Bolivia's Evo Morales tweeted:

"We condemn US armed intervention against Venezuela, a country that seeks peace in a Constitutional dialogue and regional election."

Mercosur countries Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay "repudiat(ed) violence and any option that implies the use of force..."

Colombia, Chile and Peru made similar statements. Washington still thinks of Latin and Central America as its backyard. Colonial thinking never fades.

Despite overwhelming hemispheric opposition to US war on Venezuela, Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay and Peru issued a disgraceful Lima Declaration, turning truth on its head, stating "Venezuela is no longer a democracy."

It came in response to its democratically elected Constituent Assembly – established to revise or rewrite the nation's constitution, aiming to restore order and preserve Bolivarian social democracy.

President Maduro blasted US arrogance, its aim to dominate, to control world resources, exploit people everywhere, demand subservience from all nations.

Will Trump order military intervention to oust Venezuela's government? Given his rage for wars, anything is possible.

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