

February 23: A Day of Global Actions Demanding Hands Off Venezuela

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*Two days after unelected **Juan Guaidó** declared himself interim president of Venezuela, war criminal **Elliott Abrams** was appointed to be the “US Special Envoy on Venezuela.”*

If Trump’s recognition of Guaidó’s ridiculous declaration wasn’t enough, Abrams’ involvement should have been a gigantic signal to the movement: that Venezuela and the Bolivarian Movement must be defended at all costs.

On Wednesday, congressperson **Ilhan Omar** electrified progressives worldwide by directly calling out Abrams’ record of genocide in Latin America to his face—specifically referencing the 1981 El Mozote massacre by US-backed soldiers in El Salvador, whose government Abrams defended to the hilt.

Abrams’ specialty in El Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua and other countries was dressing up murderous war policies as humanitarian efforts to promote democracy.

This is what’s happening at the Tienditas International Bridge, a trademark Abrams’ stunt. The US has delivered bags of supplies to a bridge that has never been open to traffic. The Red Cross, whose leaders have denounced Guaidó’s use of food as an interventionist tool, already operates in Venezuelan hospitals, with the full cooperation of the Maduro government.

The Bolivarian government in Venezuela is internationally renown for radically reducing hunger. However, a malevolent US-orchestrated scheme has caused widespread food shortages. Guaidó’s international-aid stunt is a Trojan horse ploy designed to cause regime change.

Maduro is right: if the US really wanted to fight hunger, it would stop the sanctions.

As of this writing, 2,000 people have signed a call translated into 15 languages demanding an end to the US-backed coup in Venezuela. On February 23, the one-month anniversary of Guaidó’s bogus announcement, thousands of people will march around the world to denounce intervention and defend the Bolivarian Revolution.

After this international anti-war date was set, Guaidó announced Feb. 23 as the date “humanitarian supplies” will enter Venezuela. Corporate media has eaten up his pronouncements as they did the Bush Administration’s lies about Weapons of Mass destruction. But on that date, the world will see a contrast: between a border publicity stunt organized by an unelected puppet — and a river of humanity marching across the globe to

defend Venezuela.

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