

# New Coup Attempt in Venezuela Led by Juan Guaido

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In an unconstitutional event the president of the National Assembly in judiciary contempt, **Juan Guaido**, sworn himself in on Wednesday morning. After which U.S. **President Donald Trump** recognized the illegal self-proclaimed president. The same was done by the Secretary General of the Organization of American States (OAS), **Luis Almagro**, who has instigated attacks against Venezuela and his Government.

For his part, US Secretary of State, **Mike Pompeo**, joined the interference with a call to Venezuelan military and security forces “to support democracy.” In addition, he gave his support to Guaidó “while establishing a transitional government and preparing elections.” Other presidents and governments of Latin America have supported Guaido, directly attacking the Bolivarian Government of democratically elected **President Nicolas Maduro**.

[#Live](#) | President of [#Venezuela @NicolasMaduro](#): It is a tremendous irresponsibility on the side of the U.S. government and the extremists who have taken power in the U.S. who want to lead Venezuela to a civil conflict, a violent conflict.

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## The strategy: Usurp powers

This Wednesday the Constitutional Chamber of the Supreme Court of Justice (TSJ) urged the Prosecutor’s Office to determine the responsibilities of the members of the National

Assembly (AN), in contempt, for the usurpation of the powers of the Executive.

**Judge Juan Jose Mendoza** pointed out that the National Assembly “expressly violates Article 236, numerals 4 and 15, as it seems to usurp the competence of the President of the Republic in directing the foreign relations of the State.”

He also ratified the unconstitutionality of the acts of the AN and found that it continues in contempt.

### **Juan Guaido, the new face of the coup**

The appointment of Juan Guaido as “leader” of the Venezuelan opposition is not casual, the act responds to the construction of an image that seems more “popular,” contrary to that of the traditional leaders of the Venezuelan right-wing.

Guido has his origins based in the popular middle class, he is an engineer graduated from a private university, even his physical appearance is far from the traditional profile opponent.

His image contrasts with the one of the president of Venezuela, Nicolas Maduro, who comes from the working class as a bus driver. Guaido was a protagonist of the violent actions of the opposition in 2007, 2014 and 2017 usually known as Guarimbas.

### **Background: Opposition and usurpation**

On April 11, 2002, the Venezuelan opposition also ignored the Constitution and staged a coup d'état, in which the president of Fedecamaras (Federation of the commerce chambers), **Pedro Carmona Estanga**, declared himself president, with the complicity of the country's media and oligarchic sector.

Carmona revoked the 1999 Constitution and the 49 enabling laws decreed by **President Hugo Chavez** in the framework of the Enabling Law. It also dissolved the other public powers, the Supreme Court of Justice, the Attorney General of the Republic, the Ombudsman, the National Electoral Council, the National Assembly and the General Comptroller of the Republic.

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