

# Russia Crisis Sends U.S. Officials to Venezuela to Meet with Maduro

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*Today, the dangers of military escalation are beyond description.*

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*It is important that a peace process be initiated with a view to preventing escalation.*

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*A Bilateral Peace Agreement is required.*

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*Top U.S. officials traveled to Caracas over the weekend to gauge whether the Venezuelan government of **Nicolás Maduro** might be willing to distance itself from Russia over the invasion of Ukraine, in exchange for an easing of U.S. sanctions on its oil sector.*

A source familiar with the talks confirmed on Sunday to McClatchy and the Miami Herald that the meeting occurred, but did not provide details. Reuters reported that the sides made little progress in their first meeting, which included a top White House official and Maduro. The New York Times first reported about the meeting.

The United States has supported the opposition to Maduro’s government, and formally severed diplomatic ties in 2019. But the meeting suggests that the White House is willing to engage after years of stalemate.

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