

Selected Articles: Who Is Behind the Failed Invasion of Venezuela?

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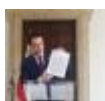
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[Guaido Was the 'Commander in Chief' of the Failed Mercenary Operation Against Venezuela](#)

By [Patricio Zamorano](#), May 18, 2020

This more complete document confirms what the mercenary and head of SilverCorp, Inc., **Jordan Goudreau**, had already revealed to the media: the agreement was aimed at "planning and executing an operation to capture/detain/remove **Nicolas Maduro** (heretofore "Primary Objective") remove the current Regime and install the recognized Venezuelan President Juan Guaido."



[Britain Warned Against 'Coup-mongering' in Venezuela After Embassy Discovery](#)

By [Steve Sweeney](#), May 18, 2020

Venezuela has warned Britain against “coup-mongering” after the discovery of a “Venezuelan reconstruction unit” in the Foreign Office.

Demanding an urgent explanation, **Foreign Minister Jorge Arreaza** lodged a formal complaint with ambassador **Duncan Hill**, who the minister said confirmed the existence of the unit and “tried to justify the unjustifiable.”



[Ottawa’s Ties with Far Right Colombian President Undermines Human Rights Rhetoric Regarding Venezuela](#)

By [Yves Engler](#), May 18, 2020

Still, the leader of the invasion **Jordan Goudreau**, a veteran of the Canadian military and US special forces, has been remarkably forthright about the involvement of opposition figure **Juan Guaidó**. A leaked [contract](#) between Guaidó’s [representative](#) in Florida and Goudreau’s Silvercorp USA describes plans for a multi month occupation force, which after ousting Maduro would “convert to a National Asset Unit that will act under the direction of the [Guaidó] Administration to counter threats to government stability, terror threats and work closely” with other armed forces. Apparently, Goudreau was hoping for a big payday from Venezuela’s opposition. He also had his eyes on the [\\$15 million](#) bounty Washington put up in March for Maduro’s capture as well as tens of millions dollars for other members of the government.



[Canadians Must Ask Questions About the Mercenary Raid on Venezuela](#)

By [Nino Pagliccia](#), May 15, 2020

Details of the failed armed mercenary incursion on Venezuela are surfacing daily thanks to the prompt public information system from Venezuela and scant corporate media reports. The so-called Operation Gideon took off from Colombia on May 3 and was effectively disbanded a few hours later by the prompt action of the Bolivarian National Armed Force (FANB) and the Bolivarian National Police’s Special Actions Force (FAES) with substantial help from the civilian population that helped in the capture of mercenaries. At this point about 46 mercenaries, out of an estimated total of 60, have been [captured](#). The search for the others is ongoing.



[Revealed: Secretive British Unit Planning for ‘Reconstruction’ of Venezuela](#)

By [John McEvoy](#), May 14, 2020

Over the past 16 months, the UK government has consistently [supported](#) Venezuelan opposition figure **Juan Guaidó’s** [attempts](#) to topple the [elected](#) government of president **Nicolás Maduro**.

In late January 2019, for example, the UK Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO) [urged](#) the Bank of England to grant Guaidó [access](#) to £1.2bn of Venezuelan gold reserves.

The Department for International Development (DFID) has also [pledged](#) some £40m of 'humanitarian assistance' to Venezuela, but it has refused to [reveal](#) where this assistance is going.



[US Imperialism's Decomposition Accelerates: Outsourcing 'Regime Change'. Mercenary Incursions into Venezuela](#)

By [Francisco Dominguez](#), May 14, 2020

The mercenaries received training in at least three camps in Riohacha, Colombia, had the full support of the Colombian government that has declared explicitly its desire to overthrow the government of President Maduro. All sorts of their logistical needs were resolved by well-known narco-trafficker and paramilitary, Elkin Javier López Torres, alias 'Doble Rueda'¹, leading member of the La Guajira drug cartel, who offered his own ranch to host the mercenaries and financed all Gedeon's preparation expenses. It would be impossible for Doble Rueda or any other Colombian drug kingpin to happily engage and participate in such a hefty political adventure without the Colombian government approving, supporting and collaborating with it. There is nothing surprising about this: It was the Colombian drug cartel Los Rastrojos who gave armed protection to Juan Guaidó after he illegally crossed the border to attend the Branson-led Cucuta concert in February 2020. After Los Rastrojos took pictures of themselves with Guaidó, handed him over to Colombia's presidential guard who took him to the presidential helicopter who would fly him to the concert.



[Canada and the Coup Attempt Against Venezuela](#)

By [Arnold August](#), May 14, 2020

One of the leaders of the failed coup attempt is Canadian-born **Jordan Goudreau**, a former US Marine who heads up a private Florida-based security firm called Silvercorps USA. While he did not participate directly in the raid, he did leave behind a video recorded in Colombia in which he and his Venezuelan military partner take credit for the attempted coup. The other two Americans captured also testified to their involvement. The confessions lead us through a labyrinth of corruption and shady deals, from Venezuelan opposition leader Juan Guaidó all the way up to **Donald Trump**.

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