US Navy "Ready" to "Restore Democracy" in Venezuela through Military Means?

Statement of US Southern Command Admiral Craig Faller

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"I'm not going to detail what we're planning and what we're doing, but we're ready to implement policy decisions, and we're ready to act …

The United States Navy is the most powerful navy in the world. …

If there is a political decision to deploy the Navy, I am confident that we will be able to do whatever is necessary, …

The two-week maritime operation off the coast of Brazil, involving more than 3,300 military personnel, "sends a message to Maduro and other partners that don't share the same values, …

Naval exercises send a message to the world of what democracies that work together can do across a range of complex threats,"

US Southern Command chief Admiral Craig Faller

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Below are excerpts from the [Al Arabiya](#) report

His remarks [Faller] came just weeks after President Donald Trump said he was considering a "blockade or quarantine" of the Latin American country.

Trump subsequently intensified sanctions on Venezuela this month, ordering a freeze on all government assets in the United States and barred transactions with its authorities.

Faller said US sanctions against Maduro's socialist regime were working and that the Venezuelan leader was isolated.

"The US government focus continues to be to place focused and targeted pressure on an illegitimate regime to ensure there's a transition to a legitimate, democratic government," Faller said.

"Part of that focus is to ensure that the right humanitarian assistance is allowed to get to the people who need it," he added.

Asked how he thought Maduro would react to the exercises, Faller said:

"I don't know how Maduro looks at anything."

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