

Venezuela - An Appeal to Russia, China and All Unaligned Countries for Support of Sovereign Venezuela

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On 23 January 2018, the United States has initiated a coup against **President Nicolás Maduro** and his Government, by encouraging and fully supporting the "self-proclaimed" opposition leader, **Juan Guaido**, as interim President. Already days ago he had received the full support of President Trump, and today, in a special televised speech, US <u>Vice-president Mike Pence declared</u> that Venezuela's Freedom begins with the new interim president, Juan Guaído.

RT reports that

"the Venezuelan military will not accept a president imposed by 'dark interests', **Defense Minister Vladimir Padrino** said after Washington and a number of its allies recognized a lawmaker [Juan Guaído] as the new leader in Caracas."

"The army will continue to defend the constitution and national sovereignty, Padrino said on Wednesday afternoon, hours after opposition lawmaker Juan Guaido was proclaimed interim president by the National Assembly, in a direct challenge to President Nicolas Maduro."

Washington's immediate recognition of Guaido as Venezuelan's legitimate leader, was instantly followed by the Organization of American States (OAS), as well as Canada and France. Mexico apparently has declines to do so "for now". Is the "for now" an indication that Lopez Obrador's actions are already being controlled by Washington?

This is an appeal to Russia and China and to all unaligned nations that love their freedom and sovereignty - to stand up in defense of Venezuela's freedom and sovereignty.

May they use their diplomatic leverage, and if that does not work on Washington's 'savages' – use other means that the empire understands. Keeping Venezuela free from the yoke of the US and its vassal allies – is essential for all the people in Latin America who have already been subjected to US implanted subjugating and abusing dictators, who not only have ruined their countries' economies, but created extreme poverty where there was prosperity before, i.e. Argentina, Brazil, Ecuador, Peru, Colombia, Paraguay, Uruguay – and Chile, which is well on her way to an economic and social demise.

Venezuela must stay and remain tall.

President Putin and Jinping – please do whatever you can and whatever you must, to stop the US bulldozer from overtaking Venezuela!

Ongoing unrest in the streets of Caracas and major Venezuelan cities, all inspired and fueled on by the United States, and also the OAS (Organization of American States), the Club of Lima (except for Mexico), its European puppet allies, is confusing and dividing the people and has already killed at least 16. It is not clear who is responsible for the killing, but undoubtedly opposition forces funded by outside sources and / or the Fifth Column (inside Venezuela) have a bloody hand in the Venezuelan violence. A western instigated civil war is a real risk.

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This coup attempt is an abject illegal interference in another country's sovereignty, with the ultimate violent and vicious goal that Washington has been practicing over the past 100 years around the globe – and ever with more impunity – of "regime change" to steel a nonconform, non-submissive government's resources, and of course, to reach eventually the ultimate goal of full spectrum world dominance. Venezuela has by far the world's largest known hydrocarbon (petrol and gas) reserves which is two days of shipping time away from Texas oil refineries, versus the Arabian Gulf from where today the US imports 60% of its petrol – a shipping time of 40-45 days, higher shipping costs, plus the risk of having to sail through the Iran-controlled Gulf of Hormuz.

In addition, Washington cannot tolerate any socialist country, let alone, one that is located in what Washington considers its backyard, like Venezuela, or, for that matter Cuba, Nicaragua and Bolivia. The other left-leaning South American country, Ecuador, has recently been "converted" with an internal "soft" coup, aka fake or manipulated elections. Those are usually operated through strong Fifth Columns funded from abroad – and with substantial menaces, including death threats.

So, Washington is dead set, especially with Trump and Pompeo at the apparent helm, who openly propagate a US (and allied, including NATO) invasion of Venezuela to "free" their "oppressed" people; to bring them from one of the only true democracies in the world (quote by Chomsky and the international election supervising US Carter Institute, among others) under the usurping dictatorship protection of the United States of America. Venezuelans will not tolerate such a farce. The 6 million Venezuelans who stood solidly behind Nicolas Maduro when they voted for him in May 2018, have already stood up – and will continue defending their freely and democratically elected President, despite the western media's fake images of "tens of thousands" in the streets of Caracas demonstrating against legitimate President Maduro and for the self-proclaimed "interim president", Juan Guaído.

He is, in fact, a criminal who acts totally against Venezuela's Constitution on which he swore his allegiance to the country when he took up a seat in the Venezuelan parliament. It is clear that this "mass-movement", as depicted by western media, was organized from outside, possibly paid for by US sponsored "NGOs" – and Venezuelan "insiders", covert or openly from the opposition, trained by the CIA and other infiltrated US secret service groups. Clearly the Fifth Column is and was at work in Venezuela for years, bringing about the downfall of the economy by monetary and oil price manipulation from outside and from within; and by diverting food and medicine shipments from being delivered to supermarkets

and instead being transferred as contraband into Colombia, where they are sold at dollar-manipulated inflated local currencies.

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This coup attempt reminds so much of another US State Department instigated but failed overthrow in April 2002 against President Hugo Chavez. The coup was botched by the Venezuelan military and the people of Venezuela. President Chavez was reinstated within 2 days. And the present coup so far has also failed.

President Maduro's decision to break diplomatic relations with the US is therefore, not only logical, but totally legal. He has given all US diplomats 72 hours to leave the country. Now comes the other 'coup' – the US refuses to accept the legal expulsion of their diplomats from Caracas, because the self-proclaimed and US recognized "interim president" has called for all diplomats, first of all those from Washington, to stay in the country. Pompeo is threating Venezuela for any harm that may happen to US citizens, including diplomats during this upraising and what they consider "change of government".

Here is Pompeo's statement with regard to diplomatic relations with Venezuela.



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STATEMENT BY SECRETARY POMPEO

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Continuing U.S. Diplomatic Presence in Venezuela

The United States stands with interim President Juan Guaido, the democratically elected National Assembly, and the people of Venezuela as they peacefully restore constitutional order to their country. We stand ready to support interim President Guaido as he establishes a transitional government and carries out his constitutional duties as interim President, including determining the status of diplomatic representatives in the United States and other countries.

We welcome interim President Guaido's directive to all diplomatic missions in Venezuela that Venezuela intends to maintain diplomatic relations with all countries. The United States maintains diplomatic relations with Venezuela and will conduct our relations with Venezuela through the government of interim President Guaido, who has invited our mission to remain in Venezuela. The United States does not recognize the Maduro regime as the government of Venezuela. Accordingly the United States does not consider former president Nicolas Maduro to have the legal authority to break diplomatic relations with the United States or to declare our diplomats persona non grata.

We call on the Venezuelan military and security forces to continue protecting the welfare and well-being of all Venezuelan citizens, as well as U.S. and other foreign citizens in Venezuela. We call on all parties to refrain from measures that are inconsistent with the privileges and immunities enjoyed by members of the diplomatic community. The United States will take appropriate actions to hold accountable anyone who endangers the safety and security of our mission and its personnel.

Stay tuned to how this crisis will unfold.

May Venezuela's friends and allies put all their might, diplomatic and other, at the support of Venezuela's freedom and sovereignty.

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