

# Venezuela - Another Failed Coup Attempt - What's Next?

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*In the early morning hours of 30 April, 2019, the self-declare "Interim President", **Juan Guaidó**, launched what at first sight appeared to be a military coup - Guaidó calls it "Operation Freedom" (sounds very much like a Washington-invented title) - against the **democratically elected, legitimate government of Nicolas Maduro**.*

*With two dozen of defected armed military from the Carlota "military base" [formerly a private airport] east of Caracas (not hundreds, or even thousands, as reported by the mainstream media), Guaidó went to free Leopoldo Lopez, the opposition leader, who was under house arrest, after his 13-year prison sentence for his role in the deadly 2014 anti-government protests, was commuted. They first called for a full military insurrection - which failed bitterly, as the vast majority of the armed forces are backing President Maduro and his government.*

As reported straight from Caracas by geopolitical analyst, Dario Azzelli, Guaidó and López rallied from the Plaza Altamira, for the people of Venezuela to rise up and take to the streets to oust President Maduro. According to them, this was the 'last phase' of a peaceful coup to bring freedom and democracy back to Venezuela. The nefarious pair issued a video of their "battle cry" which they broadcast over the social media.



Venezuelan opposition leader Juan Guaidó, recognized by many countries including the United States as the country's rightful interim ruler, stands on top of a car surrounded by soldiers and civilians at Plaza Altamira in Caracas, Venezuela, on April 30. RAFAEL HERNANDEZ/PICTURE ALLIANCE/GETTY IMAGES

They mobilized a few hundred - again not thousands as pers SMS - right-wing middle to upper class protestors and marched towards the Presidential Palace. On the way, they were confronted by the Venezuelan Civil Guard with tear gas - not even the military had to intervene - and only few protestors reached the Palacio Miraflores which was protectively surrounded by thousands of Chavistas. And that was basically the end of yet another failed coup.



**Leopoldo López** was seeking asylum in the Chilean Embassy which rejected him, and now, it looks like he found his refuge in the Spanish Embassy. This is a huge embarrassment and outright shame for Spain, especially after the Socialist Party, PSOE, just won the elections with 29%, though not enough to form a government by its own, but largely sufficient to call the shots as to whom should be granted asylum on their territory. Looks like fascism is still alive in Spain, if Pedro Sanchez is not able to reject a right-wing fascist opposition and illegal coup leader of Venezuela to gain refuge on Spain's territory.

As to Guaidó, rumors have it that he found refuge in the Brazilian Embassy, though some reports say he is being protected by his Colombian friends. Both is possible, Bolsonaro and Duque are of same fascist kind, certainly ready to grant criminals - what Guaidó is - asylum.

What is important to know, though, is that throughout the day of the attempted coup, 30 April, the US State Department, in the person of the pompous Pompeo, accompanied by the National Security Advisor, John Bolton, kept threatening President Maduro in a press round. Pompeo directly menaced President Maduro, saying -

"If they ask me if the US is prepared to consider military action [in Venezuela], if this is what is necessary to restore democracy in Venezuela, the President [Donald Trump] has been coherent and clear: The military option is available, if this is what we have to do." - These threats are repeated throughout May 1 - day after the Venezuelan attempted coup defeat by both Pompeo and warrior Bolton.

Pompeo's audacity didn't stop there. He went as far as suggesting to President Maduro to flee to Cuba and leave his country to those that will bring back (sic) freedom and democracy.

Let's be clear. Although this has been said before - it cannot be repeated enough for the world to understand. These outright war criminals in Washington are in flagrant violation of the UN Charter to which the US is - for good or for bad - a signatory.

UN Charter - Chapter I, Article 2 (4), says:

All Members shall refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any state, or in any other manner inconsistent with the Purposes of the United Nations.

We know that the White House, Pentagon and State Department have zero respect for the

UN, and, in fact, use the international body for their purposes, manipulating and blackmailing its members into doing the bidding for the US. That is all known and has been documented. What is perhaps newer is that this is now happening, especially in the cases of Venezuela and Iran, openly, in unveiled flagrant disrespect of any international law, against bodies and sovereign countries that do not bend to the whims and will of the United States.

As a result of this open violation of the UN Charter by the world's only rogue state, some 60 UN member nations, including Russia and China, have formed a solid shield against Washington's aggressions. The group was created especially in defense of Venezuela, but is also there for Iran and other countries being aggressed and threatened by the US. Hence, the blatant blackmailing and manipulation of weaker UN member countries becomes more difficult.

To be sure, the Russian Foreign Ministry has immediately condemned the coup as illegal and warned the US of any military intervention. This is of course not the first time, but just to be sure - Russia is there, standing by her partner and friend, Venezuela.

This Guaidó-Lopez attempted coup was most certainly following instructions from Washington. Super-puppet Guaidó, US-groomed and trained, then self-declared "*presidente interino*", would not dare doing anything on his own initiative which might raise the wrath of his masters. But would the US - with all her secret services capacity - seriously launch a coup so ill-prepared that it is defeated in just a few hours with minimal intervention of Venezuelan forces? - I doubt it.

What is it then, other than a planned failure? - A new propaganda instrument, for the corporate MSM to run amok and tell all kinds of lies, convincing its complacent western public of the atrocities produced by the Maduro regime, the misery Venezuelan people must live, famine, disease without medication, oppression by dictatorship, torture, murder - whatever they can come up with. You meet any mainstream-groomed people in Europe and elsewhere, even well-educated people, people who call themselves 'socialists' and are leading figures in European socialist parties, they would tell you these same lies about misery caused by the Maduro regime.

How could that be - if the Maduro Government doesn't even arrest Juan Guaidó for his multiple crimes committed since January, when he self-proclaimed being the 'interim president' of Venezuela. Arresting him, for the coup attempts he initiated or was party to since his auto coronation to president. That's what a dictator would do. That's what the United States of America, would have done a long time ago. Washington and its internal security apparatus would certainly not tolerate such illegal acts - and to top it off - foreign manipulated political illegality.

Why for example, would the media not point out the real crimes of the US vassals of South America, like Colombia, where over 6 million people are internal and external refugees, where at least 240,000 peasants and human rights activists were massacred and many were burned by US-funded paramilitary groups, atrocities that are ongoing as of this day, despite the November 2016 signed "Peace Agreement" between the then Santos Government and the FARC - for which President Manuel Santos received the Nobel Peace Prize. - Can you imagine!

What world are we living in? A world of everyday deceit and lies and highly paid lie-propaganda, paid with fake money - fake as in indiscriminately printed US-dollars - of which

every new dollar is debt that will never be paid back (as openly admitted by former FEDs Chairman, Alan Greenspan); dollars that can be indiscriminately spent to produce the deadliest weapons, as well as for corporate media-propaganda lies – also a deadly weapon – to indoctrinate people around the globe into believing that evil is good, and that war is peace.

I have lost many friends by telling them off, by telling them the truth, the truth about Venezuela, Cuba, Iran, Syria – mostly to no avail. It's actually no loss; it's merely a repeated confirmation of how far the western society has been veered off the path of conscience into a comfort zone, where believing the propaganda lies of reputed media like The Guardian, NYT, WashPost, BBC, FAZ, Spiegel, Le Monde, Figaro, el País, ABC — and so on, is edifying. They are so convincing. They are so well-reputed and well-known. How could they lie? – No loss, indeed.

Let's stay on track, comrades. Venceremos!

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