

## **Venezuelan Leader Pens Open Letter to US Public**

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In a letter issued on Sunday, Venezuelan **President Nicolás Maduro** warned the administration of U.S. **President Donald Trump** against making any unwise military decisions against the Bolivarian Republic.

Venezuelan **Foreign Minister Jorge Arreaza** read a letter on Sunday that Venezuelan President Maduro sent to the people of the United States, following Washington's recent threats toward the Bolivarian Republic.

In the letter, the head of state indicated that "in Venezuela we do not want an armed conflict in our nation, we cannot accept war threats," and urged the American people not to believe in the reasons that Trump indicates for attacking Venezuela.

President Maduro urged the people in the United States to not believe Trump's statements about "fighting drug trafficking", calling these claims by the U.S. leader false and unfounded.

In the text, President Nicolás Maduro rejected the threats of the Trump administration against Venezuela that seek to lead the region to an expensive, bloody and indefinite armed conflict.

"We in Venezuela do not want an armed conflict in our region. We want fraternal relationships, cooperation, exchange and respect, "he said.

He stated that the country cannot accept war threats, or blockades, nor the intention to install an international guardianship that violates sovereignty and ignores the advances of the last year in the political dialogue between the government and a large part of the Venezuelan opposition.

After showing solidarity with the U.S. people that are suffering from the COVID-19 pandemic, he called on the people of the country to hold their leaders accountable and compel them to focus their attention and resources on the necessary and urgent fight against the pandemic.

Furthermore, he requested the cessation of military threats, the end of illegal sanctions and the blockade that restricts access to humanitarian supplies, which are so necessary today in the country to combat this virus.

"I ask you, with your heart in your hands, not to allow your country to be

drawn, once again, to another endless conflict, another Vietnam or another Iraq, but this time closer to home," the letter highlights.

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