



Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

Communiqué

The President of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Nicolas Maduro, on behalf of the Venezuelan people, extends a revolutionary greeting to the heroic Nicaraguan people on the commemoration of the 84 years of the assassination of Augusto Cesar Sandino, the General of Free Men and Women, who is a Latin American example of dignity and tireless struggle for sovereignty and national self-determination.

The murder of Sandino, plotted by the counterrevolutionary forces, embodied by Anastasio Somoza and the United States government, represented by Ambassador Arthur Bliss Lane, reveals a recurrent practice by the imperialism intending to suppress -by any means- the hope of the Latin American peoples and their resolution to be protagonists of their own destiny.

However, the feat of General Sandino, the love for his people and his deep Latin Americanist sentiment, went beyond this devious action and become inspiration for the Nicaraguan revolutionary struggle, as well as for the rest of the people's libertarian struggles. That is why his calm and firm voice still resounds when he stated that: "We will go towards the Sun of freedom or towards death; and if we die, it does not matter, our cause shall continue to live. Others will follow us."

The path of Sandino is still in construction through each victory of our peoples, in each defeat of the imperialism. From the Bolivarian Revolution, we patriotically and with solidarity spirit greet and embrace the Commander President Daniel Ortega and the Comrade Vice President Rosario Murillo, with the firm intention of continuing to jointly advance in the construction of Our America, one that is based on the thoughts of Bolivar, Marti and Sandino.

Today, Sandino's legacy is the driving force for building a future of freedom for our Latin American and Caribbean peoples; it remains alive and unyielding, as the thoughts and actions of men like Che Guevara, Fidel Castro and Hugo Chavez, and we, inspired by his unwavering commitment to justice, raise our fist high once more for reaffirming the vocation for freedom and sovereignty of our peoples.

Long live General Augusto Cesar Sandino!

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