



Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

# Communiqué

The President of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Nicolas Maduro Moros, on behalf of the people and government of Venezuela, hereby extends brotherly greetings to all the Bolivarian countries and those from Our America, on the occasion of the 193<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of the most important military feat carried out by men and women on the battle field, which guaranteed the South American emancipation.

The Ayacucho Battle was not another battle; it meant, no doubt, the absolute and eternal convergence of spiritual and ideological forces arising from the purest and simplest feeling of love and devotion for freedom and fraternity of the Peoples inherited by the Great Americans of this Land of Grace.

On December 9th, 1824, General Sucre stated, loud and clear, before his troops as follows:

“Soldiers: the destiny of South America depends on our efforts today; another day of glory shall crown your admirable steadfastness!

Long live the Liberator! Long live Bolivar!  
Long live the Saviour of Peru!”

The tactic manoeuvre unfolded by Sucre and his Joint Military Staff at *Pampa de Quinua* showed the training and firepower, which had been strategically designed by Bolivar throughout the Southern Campaign. Viceroy La Serna and General Canterac could never understand the speed, bluntness and fierce determination with which the patriotic divisions of the multi-national Liberator Army fought the royalist units. At 13:00 hours, the *Ayacucho* Battle was over and the patriots had earned a decisive triumph. The Colonial curtain had fallen forever in a scenario where one of the most brilliant chapters of human kind had been written.

Simon Bolivar would say later: “A perfect willingness, a divine execution and skilful and swift manoeuvres.”



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But the mercy, generosity and magnanimous character of this man will continue to leave testimonies which today seem unusual in the history of humanity – Sucre's lofty gallantry broke the warrior's paradigm of destroying the defeated and with a sublime gesture of honourability he offered such a generous capitulation, which clauses seem incredible if they are compared against the manner how the victors had behaved not only theretofore, but also heretofore.

When Viceroy La Serna captured and wounded handed over his sword to the victorious General, Sucre rejected it by saying to him: "Honour to the defeated, glory to the victorious; it has to remain in the hand of the brave."

Long live Bolivar! Long live Sucre! Long live the Liberator Army!

Long live Immortal Ayacucho!

**Caracas, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017**