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TOPIC OF THE WEEK



21N: The triumph of peace and the will of the people

The Venezuelan people experienced a peaceful day, in accordance with the principles of participative and protagonist democracy, during the regional and municipal elections held on November 21st, when 3,000 positions were renewed, including governors, mayors, state legislators and councilmen.

Once again the democratic spirit of the people prevailed in an election that took place "without notable events that detract from the vitality and strength of this process," said the President of the National Electoral Council (CNE), Pedro Calzadilla, when presenting the first report with results, issued hours after the closing of the voting centers.

With a participation of more than 42% of the electoral register, around 8,000,000 voters, the forces of the Great Patriotic Pole Coalition won 20 out of the 23 governorships and 205 out of 335 municipalities, including Caracas, the capital of the Republic.

The transparency of the results was highlighted by more than 300 international observers. Six national organizations accredited as observers also witnessed the voting process.

Leaders of various political currents acknowledged the readiness of the voting process thanks to the automated system, which was audited by technicians and witnesses from all political parties before, during and after the voting.

Of interest

This November 26th, the indigenous peoples, through general assemblies, will elect 8 state legislators and 69 municipal councillors in the states of Amazonas, Anzoátegui, Apure, Delta Amacuro, Sucre and Zulia.

Failure of violence

November 21st ratified the defeat of violence, extremism and the pro-blockade policy led by former deputy Juan Guaidó, said the President of the National Assembly, Jorge Rodríguez.

"If Juan Guaidó was left without a job on December 6th (2020 parliamentary elections), on November 21st he was left without politics, without anything," expressed the parliamentarian, who also said stated that the progress of an opposition far from the interference efforts was also noted.

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A new victory for political dialogue

The President of the Republic, Nicolás Maduro, asserted that the Venezuelan people consolidated a resounding victory this Sunday and reaffirmed his call to political dialogue and joint work with the governors and mayors elected this November 21st.

"Thanks to the noble Venezuelan people, in whom we have always had our faith," expressed the Head of State, who emphasized the political understanding of Venezuelans, the target of a brutal blockade promoted by the U.S.

"If we are standing here, if we are victorious today, it is because we have created that consciousness in the people, in that popular power, from which we must never be separated," expressed President Maduro.

Chavista forces, in 22 years, have won 27 out of 29 elections, "which says that we, Chavismo (...) are a determining force in the history of Venezuela."

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DIPLOMACY



International observers verified the strength of the Venezuelan voting system

This November 21st, more than 300 experts from 55 countries from Africa, Asia, Europe, North America, Latin America and the Caribbean witnessed the regional and municipal elections in Venezuela. Following the principle of non-interference and impartiality, they verified the reliability of our voting system.

The President of the Council of Electoral Experts of Latin America (CEELA), Nicanor Moscoso, highlighted, in the final report, the high standards of the Venezuelan voting system and emphasized that the members of this organization met with leaders of all currents.

They “expressed their total satisfaction, tranquility and reliability, and the electronic voting system used by this country was efficient and it gave them the guarantee to participate,” he stressed.

The Network of Intellectuals in Defense of Humanity also presented its report, which considered the voting day “reliable, safe, transparent and democratic.”

On his part, Carlos López, from the Observatory of Latin American Affairs of the Chamber of Deputies of Argentina, valued the fact that the Parties, including the opposition Parties, signed the minutes of each audit of the voting process. “The voting system of Venezuela is one of the most transparent of the world,” he concluded.

The Brazilian Association of Jurists, the Permanent Conference of Latin American Political Parties (Coppal) and the National Lawyers Guild of the United States also ratified the high level of security of our system.

Governments and organizations welcome Election Day

Organizations, governments and movements from different latitudes congratulated Venezuelans and the Electoral Power for the efficient organization of the voting, in which the Great Patriotic Pole Coalition won 20 of the 23 governorships of the country and the municipality of Caracas, capital of the Republic. China, Cuba, Nicaragua, Bolivia, the Party Peru Libre and the Communist of Spain, as well as the Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America (ALBA), highlighted the democratic vocation shown.

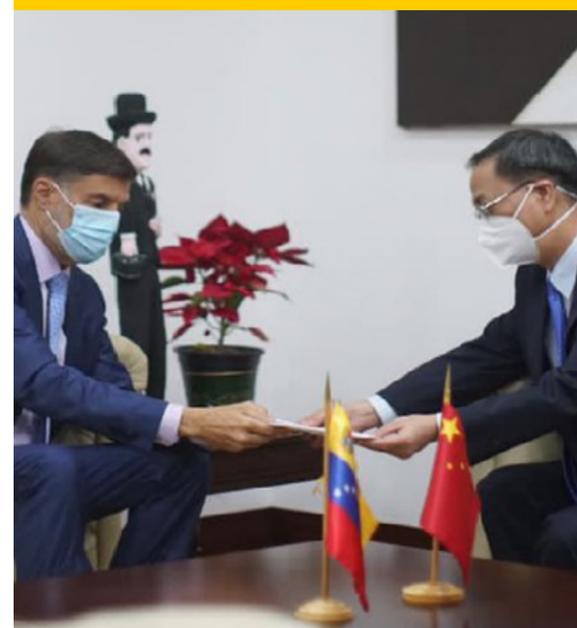
The CNE “implemented one of the most secure and reliable voting systems in the world, which guarantees that the will of the people expressed through the vote is respected,” reads a communiqué from ALBA-TCP.

In its preliminary report, the European (EU) Union Observation Mission emphasized that the National Electoral Council (CNE) achieved improvements in the technical components, through dialogue with all political sectors of the country, including the most extremist ones.

“They efficiently carried out the preparations as initially planned,” said the head of the mission, Isabel Santos.

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NEWS BRIEF



Venezuela at the Third China-Celac Meeting

The Chinese Ambassador in Caracas, Li Baorong, delivered Foreign Minister, Félix Plasencia, the invitation to participate in the III Meeting of China-Celac Foreign Ministers, this December 3. “Venezuela will reaffirm its commitment as the epicenter in Latin America and the Caribbean of the relationship with China and of the Belt and Road Initiative, with the intention of developing and strengthening our cooperation,” the Foreign Minister assured.

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Alert due to terrorist gangs

Minister for Foreign Affairs, Félix Plasencia, delivered a formal note to the Charge d’Affaires of Spain in our country, Ramón Santos, explaining with precise information, the existence of terrorist gangs in the European nation, which plan attacks against Venezuelan institutions under the guidance of the fugitive from justice Leopoldo López.

Showcase for tourism

Between December 15 and 16, the International Tourism Fair of Venezuela (Fitven 2021) will be held in La Guaira, in the coastal area of the country, an event that will feature Cuba, Iran, Nicaragua and Russia among some of the countries invited. Tourism Minister, Alí Padrón, reported that at least 14 tourism ministers from various nations are expected to come.

The Solidarity of Cuba

Cuba delivered 1,590,000 more doses of the Abdala anticovid vaccine to Venezuela. The island had already sent 6,970,000 units of the vaccine to our country, “a demonstration of solidarity and support from Cuba to other nations,” the Center for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology indicated. Venezuela plans to reach 80% of its population vaccinated by the end of November.

CAPSULES OF IDEAS

“The objective is to build a socialist democracy, sustained as we stated, by popular power, by the conscious organization of the people at its base, so that they exercise power progressively, which represents the real democratization of democracy.”

Alí Rodríguez Araque. “Before I forget”, 2012.



UNBLOCK



The chronology of a brutal aggression against Venezuela

The decree signed by Barack Obama against Venezuela, six years ago, was the beginning of the worst attack against our country, executed through a system of Unilateral Coercive Measures (UCM), with damages and effects that the national and international right wing intend to minimize. Faced with this claim, informative tools such as the book "Regime change. Chronology of a Blockade against Venezuela 2014-2021."

The text details, year after year, the effects of the application of seven executive orders, 352 illegal sanctions and 135 additional punitive actions, attacks that placed Venezuela, in two years, as the fifth country with the most UCM in the world. The damages affect the oil industry, which is the most important in the country, the health system, the right to food and access to basic services, among other violations of the population's rights.

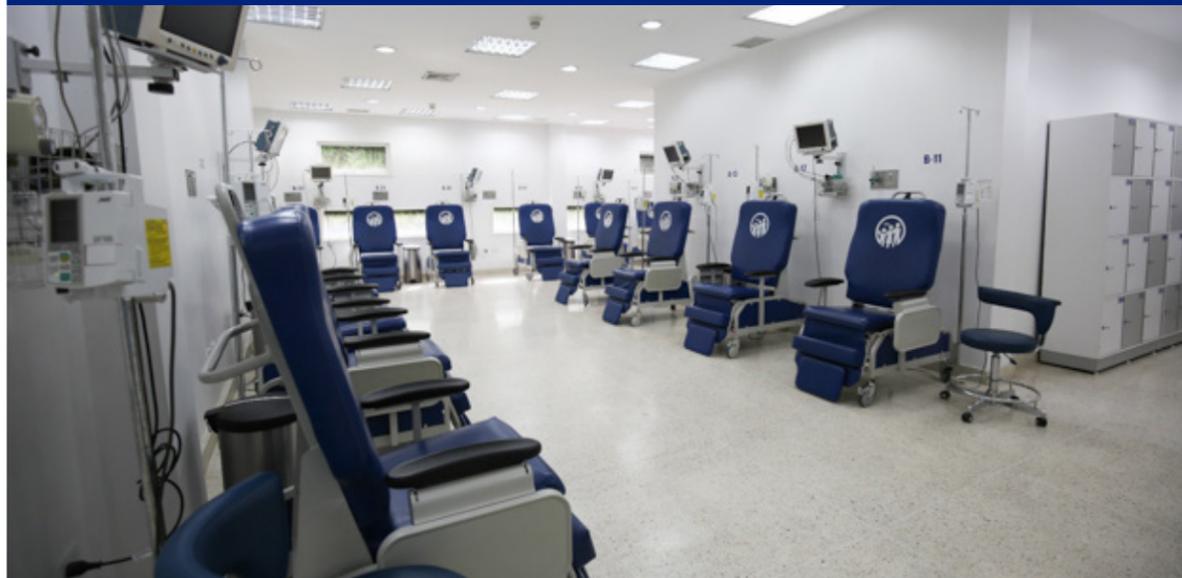
With this detailed description, it is confirmed that the blockade is "the center piece of a conscious and planned policy of massive violation of the human rights of the Venezuelan people" and, furthermore, it is "the central instrument of a genocidal policy," which has been maintained with the Donald Trump and Joe Biden administrations.

For this reason, this chronology "tries to inform, as precisely as it allows, an invisible war, how that atrocious aggression against a noble and peaceful people has been armed -step by step-," reads the text written by William Castillo, author of the work, which had its first edition in 2019 and a second in 2021.

The new edition, presented at the International Book Fair of Venezuela (FILVEN), not only exposes the brutal attacks against our people. It also describes the way in which Venezuela has continued to consolidate its inclusive social model and popular democracy.

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REVOLUTION IN PROGRESS



Medical system strengthened to defend the right to health

Health in Venezuela is one of the areas most affected by the blockade, a product of the sequestration of resources that prevents patient care. An example of this is Citgo, a Venezuelan asset sequestered by the United States: the suspension of one of its social programs prevented the transplant of liver or bone marrow to 53 Venezuelan children, a situation denounced by non-governmental organizations before international bodies.

Faced with a panorama that demands the maximum development of scientific capacities, the Venezuelan Government delivered a totally new "Dr. Domingo Luciani" Hemato-Oncological and Radiosurgery Centre in Caracas, which will attend free of charge to patients who require bone marrow transplants and other specialized studies.

The centre has cytogenetics and virology laboratories, a molecular biomedicine area, a transplant

area, hospitalization areas and an international data network, which helps with information exchange and much easier search for donors.

"We are going to resume transplant services, affected by the criminal sanctions of U.S. imperialism," said President Nicolás Maduro at the centre's reactivation ceremony, and denounced that Citgo became a fund for those factors that drive the blockade.

Also refurbished was the Kidney Transplant Unit "Colonel Doctor David Arana," of the Dr. Carlos Arvelo Military Hospital, in Caracas, and the Salvador Allende Comprehensive Diagnosis Centre, located in the state of Miranda, capital region, which serves more than a thousand patients a day. Despite the manoeuvres of the United States, "nothing and no one will take us off the path of social justice," reaffirmed President Maduro.

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VENEZUELA IN IMAGES



3,800,000 families live in homes of the Great Housing Mission Venezuela

Yurima Pérez, an educator, and her family live in the 3,800,000th home of the Great Housing Mission Venezuela, located in the urban area of "San José Corazón de Mi Patria" in Barquisimeto,

Lara state, west of the country. The program, created in 2011, aims to deliver 5,000,000 houses by the end of 2024.

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HEROIC ROOTS



Manuela Sáenz, love and dedication for the freedom of America

Before meeting Simón Bolívar, Manuela Sáenz was already a total lover of freedom: her childhood in the convulsive environment of Quito, at the beginning of the 19th century, fed her conscience in the face of the devastating effects of Spanish rule, a concern that accompanied the rest of her life.

At the age of 22, after marrying the Englishman James Thorne, she moved to Lima, Peru, where she leaked information to facilitate the progress of the independence movement. Once separated from her husband, she returns to the capital of Ecuador, where she met Antonio José de Sucre. She, an extraordinary woman, accompanied him in the preparations for the battle of Pichincha, which sealed the freedom of Ecuador on May 24th, 1822. A month later, Bolívar and Manuela met to unite not only for mutual love, but for their commitment to the ultimate freedom of America.

She accompanied the cause of Bolívar in the battle of Ayacucho, fought on December 9th, 1824. She prompted him to found the Republic of Bolivia, in 1825, and defeated the conspiracy led by Francisco de Paula Santander, in September 1828. It was a commitment to a man and a project that extended beyond the death of the Liberator, in 1830.

Manuela died on November 23rd, 1856, marked by a trail of controversy. Little by little the Knight of the Sun, the Liberator, was recognized as a heroine when her symbolic remains entered the National Pantheon, in Caracas, eleven years ago.

She, in Bolívar's words, "is also a Liberator, not because of my title, but because of her already demonstrated daring and courage (...) from this reason comes the respect that she deserves as a woman and as a patriot."

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BEATS OF OUR PEOPLE

The System: the story behind a Guinness record

With eight young musicians in Caracas, in the mid-1970s, maestro José Antonio Abreu began a rehearsal plan to which musicians from other federal entities gradually joined. Thus, the first National Youth Symphony Orchestra of Venezuela was established.

That was the starting point of the National System of Children's and Youth Orchestras and Choirs of Venezuela, better known as The System (El Sistema), a benchmark for more than 60 countries, by combining artistic development with social transformation among children, youth, people with disabilities, patients with chronic diseases and prison communities.

This formative experience, recognized with awards such as the UNESCO International Music Prize, received a new boost through the Music

Mission, created in 2007 by Commander Hugo Chávez to incorporate more low-income children and adolescents. Thus, the goal of one million members was exceeded.

In 2021, the System was already prepared for a new challenge: on November 13 it offered a concert with more than 12,000 musicians, who performed the Slavic March, by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky. Thus, it was certified by the Guinness World Records organization as the largest orchestra in the world.

The feat, recognized by President Nicolás Maduro with the Order "Liberators of Venezuela", ratifies the conviction of maestro Abreu about the value of music to create "new meanings related to the culture of merit, effort, perseverance and discipline, as worthy paths that lead to a better Venezuela."

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UNCOVERING FAKE NEWS

The US interference was defeated this 21N

This November 21st, when the regional and municipal elections were held in Venezuela, the truth also triumphed before the discrediting campaign against our electoral system promoted by the United States government, which appears linked -according to a journalistic investigation- to a plan to interfere in the Venezuelan elections carried out in 2013 and 2015.

With this precedent, this time, media corporations related to the White House projected matrices of violence and manipulation of results, with spokesmen such as the president of Colombia, Iván Duque; the Executive Director of Human Rights Watch (HRW) for the Americas, José Miguel Vivanco, and the US Secretary of State, Antony Blinken.

Said matrices, however, contrast with the technical assessment of international observers.

Organizations such as the National Lawyers Guild, of American origin; the Council of Electoral Experts of Latin America (CEELA), the Brazilian Association of Jurists, among others, who highlighted the transparency of the voting.

The mission of the European Union even acknowledged that the event was carried out as planned. "They have not said that there was fraud here, nor an illegitimate election," said the Deputy Minister of Anti-Blockade Policies, William Castillo, who considered that statement a slap in the face for the US government.

In a statement, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs points out that the big loser "is US imperialism and its allies in Venezuela," defeated by "inciting the application of illegal coercive measures against the entire population and surrendering to foreign interests."