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TOPIC OF THE WEEK

Russia and Venezuela deepen strategic relation for peace and development

With the consolidation and deepening of the cooperation mechanisms between Russia and Venezuela, strengthened in the last two decades, both countries move forward with a roadmap for shared development, building of a multipolar world and promoting peace in the face of warlike pretensions.

"I can say that the relations between Russia and Venezuela are acquiring a greater strategic level. Greater quality and depth in its results, further historical strength," said the President of the Republic, Nicolás Maduro, after receiving at Miraflores Palace, in Caracas, the Vice-President of the Government of the Russian Federation, Yuri Borisov.

Both reviewed the state of the global and hemispheric geopolitics, as well as the advance of the bilateral cooperation, that has borne fruit in the fight against COVID-19; financial and trade cooperation; the air connection, that allows the arrival of 15.000 Russian tourists in two months, and the energy alliances.

To continue moving forward in the joint roadmap that Commander Hugo Chávez and Russian President Vladimir Putin began to build at the beginning of the 21st century, an agreement of intent was signed that

will strengthen the integral cooperation.

United for peace

Russia and Venezuela are also united in building a multipolar world, without empires or threats. In that sense, our country expresses its support to the Russian People and Government "to dissipate the threats of NATO and the Western world. Russia has the full support of Venezuela (...) to remain territory of peace," President Maduro said.

Also, he ratified the path of a powerful military cooperation to defend peace, sovereignty and territorial integrity. "We are going to increase all the plans of preparation, training, cooperation with a world military power, such as Russia."

Links for a new world

The Vice-Resident of the Government of the Russian Federation also held a meeting with the Executive Vice-President of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Delcy Rodríguez, and the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Félix Plasencia.

Likewise, a working day of the Russia-Venezuela

High-Level Intergovernmental Commission (CIAN) was held, chaired by Borisov and by the Vice-President for the Economic Area of our country, Tareck El Aissami. Both evaluated progress in 20 areas of bilateral exchange, such as health, industry, military-technical cooperation, trade, agriculture, transportation, science and technology.

The Vice-President of the Government of the Russian Federation stressed that Venezuela is a strategic partner in the Americas, thanks to a relation based on dialogue and trust. "The cooperation between our countries is more important than ever."

Also, he stressed the revitalization of the Venezuelan economy and the increase in oil production, despite the unilateral coercive measures (UCM) and the blockade promoted by the United States and its allies. For his part, El Aissami thanked the support of the Russian Government and People in the recovery of oil prices and the fight against the imposition of UCM.

Russia is "a pole of development, an emerging country in the international arena, a great power of peace."

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DIPLOMACY

Venezuela reaffirms alliance with St Vincent and the Grenadines

The Caribbean peoples are destined to armour cooperation against the threats of imperialist taxes, bent on torpedoing the self-determination of the peoples. “The dream that unites us is the union of Latin America and the Caribbean, (to be) a powerful bloc of strength, for peace and shared happiness,” said the President of the Republic, Nicolás Maduro.

During the farewell ceremony of the Ambassador of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines in Caracas, Andreas Wickham, the President stressed the solidarity of the island nation and of Prime Minister Ralph Gonsalves, who always “defends the truth and the united path of the Caribbean people.”

Also, he ordered to dynamize Petrocaribe, an energy alliance that serves 18 countries, with social and educational projects. “Petrocaribe shall be recovered as part of the efforts of the Venezuelan oil industry workers, a Bolivarian country that is aware of its vocation for solidarity,” he added.

Wickham, who received the Francisco de Miranda Order, thanked President Maduro for strengthening the relationship with his country, which reached a high level with Commander Hugo Chávez. “Venezuela is a friend of St. Vincent and the Grenadines and a loyal ally that has been maintained in difficult times,” he said.

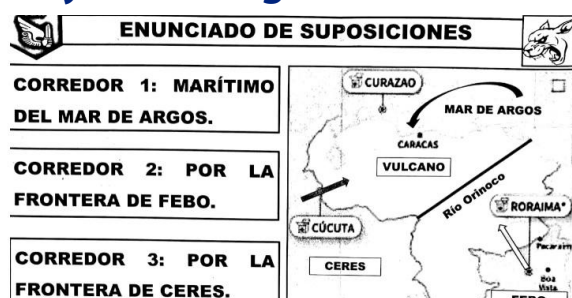
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Repudiation of invasion plans hatched by former Argentine President

The President of the Republic, Nicolás Maduro, rejected the military invasion plans against Venezuela planned –in accordance with Washington– under the Mauricio Macri Government (2015-2019), that supported the lack of knowledge of the constitutional order of our country, and hopes that these facts shall be investigated in Argentina.

“They went to the extreme of thinking that they could wage a war against Venezuela and that we were going to stand idly by and do nothing,” expressed the Head of State, who added that these plans were pulverized thanks to the union between the People and the Bolivarian National Armed Forces (FANB).

The data of this “operation” –denominated Puma and would take place between April and July 2019 with support from Colombia– were unveiled by a journalist investigation. According to published data, it was planned by General Juan Martin Paleo, Commander of the Rapid Deployment Force



during the Macri Government. Since March 2020 he is Chief of the Joint Chiefs of Staff of the Armed Forces of Argentina.

The operation contemplated 7 sessions. The first took place in April, two weeks before the unsuccessful actions directed by the former deputy Juan Guaidó and the fugitive of the Venezuelan justice Leopoldo López to revolt the FANB.

“Hopefully someone in Argentina dares to raise the voice, so that the truth is known, so that the truth is seen,” said President Maduro.

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CAPSULES OF IDEAS

“The most perfect system of government is that which produces the greatest possible sum of happiness, the greatest sum of social security, and the greatest sum of political stability.”

Simón Bolívar, Angostura Address, 15 February, 1819

NEWS BRIEF



For the integrity of China

The Venezuelan Minister of Foreign Affairs, Félix Plasencia, ratified to the Chinese Ambassador in Caracas, Li Baorong, our country’s support for the right of the Asian nation to defend its territorial integrity and the principle of “One China” and “One country, two systems.” The diplomatic representatives also reaffirmed their rejection to the imposition of illegal sanctions.

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Commitment to social justice at the UN

The Bolivarian Government has strengthened health care, food and education during the COVID-19 pandemic, amid the blockade imposed by the United States, said the Minister for Food, Carlos Leal Tellería, at the 60th session of the UN Commission for Social Development. “Venezuela ratifies its commitment to social justice and the eradication of poverty,” he said.

Medical supplies arrive from Belarus

A total of 17 tons of medical supplies from Belarus were received by the Foreign Minister, Félix Plasencia, and the Deputy Minister for Europe, Daniela Rodríguez. The Government makes every effort “to guarantee prevention and health, through medicines and medical equipment necessary for us to emerge victorious in this pandemic,” said Plasencia.

New Ambassador to Bolivia

Venezuela’s Ambassador to Bolivia, César Trómpiz, presented his Letters of Credence to President Luis Arce, who welcomed the new Venezuelan diplomatic representative, appointed last October. “Bolivia and Venezuela are fraternal countries in struggle for Bolivarian dignity!” expressed Trómpiz.



UNBLOCK



Innovation in transport overcomes the blockade

Faced with the impact of more than 500 Unilateral Coercive Measures in areas such as basic services, workers of public and private companies in the transport sector have opted for innovation, to break the dependence on imports and guarantee the operability of mass mobilization systems.

This task is fulfilled through mechanisms such as the Great Mission Transportation Venezuela, a public policy that incorporates new creations and 100% national technologies, to rehabilitate and reinforce mass mobilization networks. "They are tools created to transcend from rentier Venezuela, to the powerful country," said the Minister for Transportation, Hipólito Abreu. Three years after this great mission, alliances have been achieved with the private sector to produce automotive oil, as well as spare parts for vehicles and services for Metrocable, a cable car transport system in popular areas. Similarly, the manufacture of 472 buses with 26 and 32 seats was completed, and 8 of 15 ships for maritime transport were built.

"We come from harsh circumstances and these tempered the character of the people, and forced us to seek solutions," said the President of the Republic, Nicolás Maduro, who reviewed in Caracas, together with workers from the sector, the advances in improving the networks of transport.

To consolidate these achievements, the conversion to the electric system of 5,000 buses will be evaluated and work is being done on the training of personnel for ship and train maintenance. In this sense, the president urged his cabinet to evaluate the possibility of founding a Metrocables company, "with its own technology, investment and capacity."

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REVOLUTION IN PROGRESS



Venezuela advances on the Olympic route

With the XX National Sports Games 2022, held between January 31st and February 12th with more than 7,000 athletes, Venezuela began its preparation plan for the Olympics in the next 10 years. "We have officially opened the Paris 2024 route, but also the route to Los Angeles 2028 and the (Brisbane) 2032 Olympics," said the Minister for Youth and Sports, Mervin Maldonado, at the closing of the event.

Miranda state was champion with 205 medals (83 gold, 53 silver and 69 bronze). It has among its athletes the swimmer María Yegres, winner of ten gold medals, national record in 1500 m. freestyle (17:24.74) and in 100 m. women's freestyle (she broke it twice, with a final mark of 58.02).

The state of Carabobo was ranked second, with 198 medals (59 gold, 68 silver and 71 bronze) and the national record in clean and jerk under 17 (91 kg), in the hands of weightlifter Kerlys Montilla, triple gold medalist.

Caracas was in third place with 167 medals (57 gold,

Victorious Generation

The success of the National Games was celebrated by the President of the Republic, Nicolás Maduro, since the participants in the competition "are the Gold Generation that waves the national tricolor with force and pride."

62 silver and 48 bronze) and three national records in swimming: multi-medallist Nicole Gutiérrez in the 50 m. female backstroke (with a time of 31.33); Emil Perez in 100m. male butterfly (54.51) and Fabiana Pesce, in 50 m. female freestyle (27.19).

Faced with this sporting potential, avoiding the blockade against the country, President Nicolás Maduro "wanted to accompany them, protect them and guarantee their training as athletes," said Executive Vice President Delcy Rodríguez, who closed the event together with Minister Maldonado.

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VENEZUELA IN IMAGES



A neoclassical jewel in the center of Caracas

The Federal Legislative Palace stands as one of the great attractions of the historic center of Caracas. Luciano Urdaneta, son of the independence hero Rafael Urdaneta, participated in the design of this neoclassical building, also known as the Federal Capitol. Its construction began in

1872 and it was inaugurated, in its first stage, on February 19th, 1873. The Public Powers worked there until the second half of the 20th century, when it became the exclusive seat of the Legislative Power.

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BEATS OF OUR PEOPLE

Venezuelan Youth reaffirms commitment to the Revolution

With a massive mobilization through the main streets of Caracas, young Venezuelans reaffirmed their commitment to the values of the Liberators and the principles of the Bolivarian Revolution, to strengthen the growth prospects of our country in this decade.

In the march that started from Petare, a popular area to the east of Caracas, students, workers, worshipers, athletes and social activists honored the young people who, on February 12, 1814 defeated the Spanish royalist army in the Battle of La Victoria. That feat of our Independence, led by José Félix Ribas, went down in history as an unquestionable example of the value of youth in building the destiny of Venezuela.

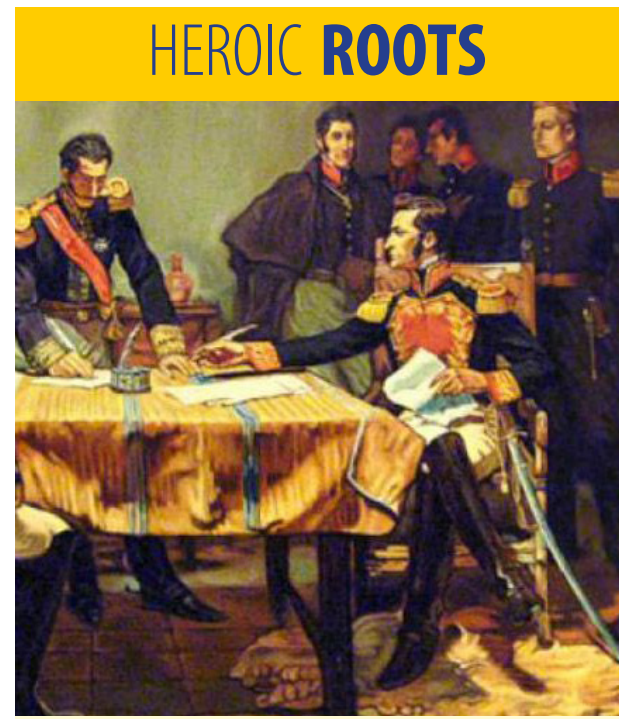
Full of pride for their roots and their contribution to the country in times of siege and blockade, the young people arrived at the center of the

Venezuelan capital, where they were received by the President of the Republic, Nicolás Maduro, who called on them to fight corruption and bureaucratism. "The times we are living are for sowing awareness and future," he said.

At the same time, he urged them to join the political struggle with ethical values, to follow the scheme of resistance, rebirth and revolution in the new stage of transition to socialism, with a view to 2030, and to continue defending the country's social equity system, where 85% of university students are trained in public institutions for free.

"We are on our way to the integral rebirth of Venezuela. I have called on them to revolutionize everything, to change everything, to improve everything, to fight against bureaucrats and corrupt people wherever they are," said the President.

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HEROIC ROOTS

Angostura where the Bolivarian vision of the republic and regional unity were outlined

On February 15, 1819, the Second Constituent Congress of Venezuela was installed in San Tomé de Angostura (today Ciudad Bolívar). There, Simón Bolívar laid out his project for a republic and for unity, from a geopolitical and social point of view, this would overcome the elements that threatened against national independence.

Subjected "to the triple yoke of ignorance, tyranny and vice, we have not been able to acquire knowledge, power or virtue," the Supreme Head of the Republic warned back then. He proposed a system for a popular and fair government, seeking triumph "under the rule of inexorable laws, equality and freedom." That system should guarantee the greatest happiness possible, social security and political stability. To do this, he proposed to include morality as one of the pillars of the republic, along with education; the guarantee of the independence of Public Powers; the pursuit of equity through laws and the union of all sectors: "Unity, unity, unity, must be our motto." Along with this system, which Bolívar proposed based on a solid review of other experiences and the events after the declaration of independence of Venezuela, he also urged to configure the union with New Granada, to give way to the Gran Colombia.

Given its strategic value, almost two centuries later, Commander Hugo Chávez called for a return to the ideas of this speech and "the entire macropolitical, geopolitical, social and ethical concept that resonated here among the canons of that time." The task continues today with President Nicolás Maduro, who recognizes in Angostura a Bolívar "of the highest level of political thought ever emerged."

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UNCOVERING FAKE NEWS

Duque lies to cover up the impact of Colombian violence in Venezuela

Violence in Colombia sums almost 70 years of damage for its people as well as negative consequences for Latin America. Under Iván Duque's management, the implementation of the Peace Agreements has been paralyzed, the damage is aggravated by statements by spokesmen such as Defense Minister Diego Molano, who insists on accusing Venezuela of the violence in New Granadan territory, where 55 people were murdered in 19 massacres, so far this year.

Despite these figures, false matrices are promoted to justify the onslaught of organizations in areas such as Arauca, that take advantage of the permeability of the border and the absence of surveillance on the Colombian side, and also attack border populations in our country, as denounced by the Venezuelan Minister for Defense, Vladimir Padrino López.

From Caracas, he warned that the alleged presence of security forces on the Colombian side has been a bluff and that the speech against our country "is repetitive, there is no argumentation, there is no evidence."

Behind these accusations, Padrino warned, lies the intention of projecting the Colombian conflict on Venezuelan territory, through irregular economic practices, criminal gangs in urban areas and paramilitary actions to terrorize border towns such as the Alto Apure, where the National Bolivarian Armed Forces execute the Bolivarian Shield operation.

The minister reported 56 detainees, 16 camps dismantled and the seizure of weapons, explosives and other resources used to attack the population. In addition, the social approach and attention to the people in the area is being prepared: "Apure is ours, it belongs to the Venezuelans!"