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## Venezuela revindicates protection model and denounces politicization of the human rights system

Faced with the challenges that the defense of Human Rights implies, in the midst of a voracious blockade and the Covid-19 pandemic, Venezuela denounces the self-serving use of this issue to impose political changes and assured that it will preserve its social protection model.

“Even in the most difficult circumstances, we have made great efforts to guarantee the greatest well-being for our people,” the President of the Republic, Nicolás Maduro, affirmed at the High-Level Segment of the 49th session of the Human Rights Council of the United Nations.

The head of state denounced that the 502 Unilateral Coercive Measures imposed on our country by the United States, the European Union and other organizations violate the human rights of Venezuelans and their right to development, deprive the country of 99% of its income from exports, hold kidnapping at least 30 billion dollars and seek to put an end to the model of social justice built more than 20 years ago.

This aggression is combined with sabotage, violent actions and a “sustained campaign of lies shown in the international press, which have tried to criminalize our beloved country, as well as its authorities, and migrants,” to push a “regime change” and take control of the wealth of Venezuela.

### Alex Saab Case: Violation of Human Rights

President Nicolás Maduro reiterated his rejection of the kidnapping of diplomat Alex Saab, the victim of a judicial maneuver that ignores his status and human rights. His illegal detention, first in Cape Verde and then in the U.S., is “a deliberate blow to the development and continuity of the dialogue and peace process that was taking place in Mexico.”

In this scenario, President Maduro denounced attempts to use the international human rights system to replace governments that are not aligned with the hegemonic interests of the West, as well as the intention to dominate the countries of the South through judicial colonialism.

### Protection against attacks

Despite the attacks, this year Venezuela will allocate 77% of the national budget for social investment and the momentum of the economy, which began to grow after 7 years of aggressions, will be maintained.

The economic blockade, however, did not stop the

delivery of 3.9 million homes in a decade, the monthly distribution of food to 7 million families through the Local Supply and Production Committees and the care of 21 million Venezuelans through the Patria (Homeland) technology platform.

Efforts are also directed at care in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic: the vaccination goal in the adult population was exceeded and the recovery rate stands at 97%. At the same time, our country calls to fight against vaccine inequity.

In addition to social rights, Venezuelans enjoy their political rights. In 22 years, 29 elections were held, with conditions defined with the various political actors.

### Commitment to human rights

In his speech, President Maduro reaffirmed the commitment of the Venezuelan State to cooperate with the United Nations human rights bodies. This proves the continuous efforts of our country to protect the rights of the population.

“Count on my Government, count on our people so that this Human Rights Council is strengthened, and its directions and its actions in defense of the most precious values of humanity,” the President reaffirmed.

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## DIPLOMACY

### Venezuela condemns actions against Russia and advocates dialogue

Venezuela reaffirms its condemnation of the destabilizing actions against Russia encouraged by imperial sectors, grouped in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), that seeks to undermine the peace and security of the Eurasian country.

In a telephone call on March 1st, the President of the Republic, Nicolás Maduro, reiterated to his Russian counterpart, Vladimir Putin, his firm disposition in favour of understanding and dialogue, as a way to preserve the peace.

Likewise, the Venezuelan Head of State advocates counteracting the campaign of disinformation unleashed by imperialist countries.

For his part, Putin reaffirmed in the conversation that the object of his actions is to contribute to “the denazification of the Ukrainian State, guaranteeing

its neutral and non-nuclear status,” according to a communiqué from the Russian Embassy in Caracas.

#### Repudiation of unilateral measures

The Venezuelan ambassador to the UN, Samuel Moncada, rejected the illegal sanctions imposed on Russia by the U.S. and European Governments. In an emergency meeting of the organism, he warned that these actions only seek to aggravate the conflict.

“Venezuela reiterate its unwavering commitment with the principles enshrined in the UN Charter; thus, we call for the cessation of war propaganda and speeches of intolerance guided by hateful ideologies,” he specified.

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### Venezuela rejects political use of migration at the UN

Venezuela ratifies its condemnation of the campaign that seeks to induce migration among its population, which has been provoked, in turn, by the more than 500 Unilateral Coercive Measures (UCM) of the U.S. Government and its allies in Europe.

This aggression “affects the entire population without distinction and is covered by a false flag and the political use of Human Rights,” denounced the Vice Minister for Multilateral Issues of the Ministry of Foreign Relations, Rubén Molina, during his participation, via telematic means, at the United Nations International Dialogue on Migration 2022. Molina condemned xenophobia, aggression and exploitation of which Venezuelans are victims abroad, as well as the commercialization of migration by Governments of neighboring countries, organizations and agencies in the region.

Venezuela has historically been a land of welcome



for migrants from all regions of the world, “to whom we have attended without any request of monetary resources to any country or organization,” said the Vice Minister.

On behalf of our country, Molina expressed support for the road map proposed by the Global Pact for Safe Migration of the Latin American and Caribbean Economic System (SELA), which constitutes an objective to achieve a world of peace.

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## CAPSULES OF IDEAS

*“It is up to us to defend, not only socialism, not only the revolution, but also world peace (...) Peace is the world revolution of the proletariat.”*

Rosa Luxemburgo. Discourse at the Formation Congress of the German Communist Party, Berlin, 1918

## NEWS BRIEF



### Agenda for the 1st Nigeria-Venezuela Joint Commission is fine-tuned

The Minister of Foreign Relations, Félix Plasencia, held a telematic meeting with his Nigerian counterpart, Geoffrey Onyeama, in order to fine-tune the agenda of the 1st Nigeria-Venezuela Joint Commission. Both Foreign Ministers agreed to discuss oil agreements and the possibility of an air interconnection.

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### Venezuela present at World Telecommunications Congress

Venezuela participates in the World Telecommunications Congress 2022, being held in Barcelona, Spain, where global innovations are discussed. “This event focuses all the experiences of the corporate sector and universities (...) but, above all, entrepreneurs,” said the Minister of Science and Technology, Gabriela Jiménez, from the European city.

### Change of model in favor of the environment

During the 5th UN Environment Assembly, held in Kenya, Venezuela called for a transformation of the consumption model in order to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals. “We must assume the challenges of the environmental crisis of the planet, understanding our common but differentiated responsibilities,” said the Venezuelan representative before that forum, Jesús Manzanilla.

### Rejection to provocation by the U.S and Colombia

The Minister of Defense, Vladimir Padrino López, rejected the provocation of the U.S and Colombia, whose armies are carrying out an alleged “training exercises” near our coasts, which includes a nuclear submarine. “Drug trafficking, the war in Arauca, systematic assassinations and terrorist groups are not fought with nuclear submarines,” expressed the Minister.





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## UNBLOCK



### ALBA-TCP and UCM Observatory coordinate actions against illegal sanctions

Cuba, Nicaragua and Venezuela face the impact of the misnamed sanctions. These three nations are also part of the Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America-TCP (ALBA-TCP), an organization that seeks to coordinate actions to counteract the negative effects of Unilateral Coercive Measures (UCMs).

For this reason, the Executive Secretary of ALBA-TCP, Sacha Llorenti, held a meeting with the team of the National Observatory of Unilateral Coercive Measures (Onamcu) of Venezuela, in Caracas, in order to evaluate the economic, production and social processes impacted by the UCMs, and the actions to be taken to overcome these misnamed "sanctions."

At the meeting, the Deputy Minister of Anti-Blockade Policies, William Castillo, presented a report detailing how the more than 500 UCMs applied against Venezuela have affected the Venezuelan State, which has seen its income from oil sales reduced by 99% in six years.

Both instances agreed to develop a project that will collect information related to the integration processes of ALBA-TCP in the face of this scenario.

### Violation of International Law

After several failed attempts by the United States in its plans against the governments of Cuba, Nicaragua and Venezuela, Washington has applied illegal sanctions that contravene the Charter of the United Nations (UN).

In the case of Cuba, the illegal blockade turned 60 years old. In addition to billions of dollars in losses, this shameful measure, which violates the Human Rights of its population, has been condemned over twenty times at the UN, and has only been defended by the U.S. and a few countries submissive to Washington.

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## REVOLUTION IN PROGRESS



### Carnivals with security and tranquillity

For 21 years, the National Government, together with the governorates, mayors and organizations of the People's Power, have planned a set of activities during carnival, in order to guarantee the right of the people to a healthy recreation.

This year was no exception and from Friday 25th up until March 1st, the XXI Festival of Touristic and Biosafe Carnivals 2022 was held, with recreational, sports and cultural activities in more than 4,120 areas including urban areas where more than 21,000 members of the Recreation Movement were present.

There were "more than 120 points of high impact on beaches, rivers and parks, and also in four thousand communes and mission base," previously detailed the Vice President for Social and Territorial Socialism, Mervin Maldonado.

To guarantee the protection of tourists and visitors, the State activated 142,000 security person-

### Caracas vibrates to the rhythm of Carnival

As part of the carnival activities, the people of capital city enjoyed the Retumba Caracas Music festival, which offered concerts in popular areas and closed off at Paseo Los Próceres, where, in addition, the traditional floats parade was held.

nel and 400 Covid-19 biosecurity awareness zones were set up, to avoid the exponential growth of the rate of infections, which stands at 18 cases per 100,000 inhabitants.

In this sense, the President of the Republic, Nicolás Maduro, congratulated the organization for the healthy enjoyment of the season: "I appreciate the support and attention provided to our people throughout the national territory, in order to guarantee biosecurity and safety during the holiday."

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## VENEZUELA IN IMAGES

### Party and dance that honours our Afro-Caribbean roots

In El Callao, a mining town in the State of Bolívar (south of the country), one of the most famous carnivals on the continent is celebrated, a symbol of our Afro-Caribbean roots. To the rhythm of calypso, thousands of people parade in "comparsas" with

women in colourful dresses. Defending this tradition borne more than 100 years ago, they are the Madams. Since 2016, this event is manifestation of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.

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## BEATS OF OUR PEOPLE



### Chávez is the living hope of a loyal people

In Hugo Chávez, loyalty is more than a word. This is how he emerged before the Venezuelan people on February 4th, 1992: faithful to a political project of transformation, to the courage to assume responsibilities and to the construction of a revolution that is a world example.

He continued on this path after leaving Yare prison on March 26th, 1994, and strengthening a political project that led him to the presidential victory on December 6th, 1998. A time of hope was beginning, but also of threats of conservative sectors. In his encounter with mothers, children, youth and fighters, Chávez found the strength to continue, like the clamor of that lady who urged him not to give up in the midst of the oil sabotage in late 2002 and early 2003 or the man on the street whom he picked up from the center of Caracas. He knew it: "Chávez is no longer me, Chávez is the people."

Loyalty was always his goal, and he clung to it to continue protecting the people while facing a complex health situation since 2011. He called for unity, struggle, battle and victory, values that kept Venezuelans standing on March 5th, 2013, when the leader transcended the physical plane to multiply into millions of men and women who defend the Bolivarian Revolution.

Nine years later, fidelity to independence and freedom has been key in the face of a brutal onslaught of imperial factors, faced under the guidance of President Nicolás Maduro, who daily vindicates the thought of Hugo Chávez.

It is a flow of loyalty that grows with a people in resistance and in victory, because, as President Maduro has said, "Chávez is not sadness or forgetfulness, he must be our hope."

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## UNCOVERING FAKE NEWS

### Manipulation: The old Western way of stirring conflicts

The invasion of Iraq, the destructive action against Libya, the aggression against Syria: they are all conflicts fueled by the governments of the United States (U.S.), in collusion with their allies in the European Union (EU). Also, they are an example of the interested use of media tools to justify actions against sovereignty and self-determination.

Misinformation, however, is not a new tool. For decades, it has adopted different narratives to justify the actions and positions of actors involved in a conflict, as well as to weaken the image of its adversaries. Only in the last twenty years do we find great examples: the most remembered is the lie about the supposed existence of weapons of mass destruction in Iraqi territory, something that turned out to be an invention to justify the aggression; but there are also the falsehoods that for twenty years tried to justify the actions in Afghanistan

and the silence in the face of the occupation of Palestine by Israel, an ally of the U.S.

In the last decade, the growth and expansion of social networks has strengthened the misinformation techniques promoted by the White House, with the support of the European Union and the United Kingdom. Today, the virulence of these practices is palpable in the conflict between Russia and Ukraine, which in 2022 took on a new dimension with the breach of the Minsk Agreements, signed in 2014.

The circulation of false news in unthinkable volumes, classism, which stigmatizes war as a Middle Eastern phenomenon, and censorship of the media, such as RT and the Sputnik agency, give clear signs of the path that the West intends to trace. As Pascual Serrano warns, "the double standard in the discourse is absolute."

## HEROIC ROOTS



### The loving heroines who cared for the child Simón Bolívar

Hipólita and Matea Bolívar are synonymous with love and heroism. The slaves who raised Simón Bolívar were more than just caretakers. They gave him teachings that would forge the character of the Liberator, but, especially, they would be an example of loyalty and commitment.

It was up to Hipólita to breastfeed him. A few days after the birth of Simón, on July 24th, 1783, she arrived in Caracas to take care of the newborn because his mother, María de la Concepción Palacios y Blanco, was seriously ill. Thus begins a bond that would be key for the boy, who at 3 years of age would lose his father, Juan Vicente Bolívar y Ponte, and at 9 years of age his mother. Hipólita becomes a mother to him, as he states in a letter: "her milk has fed my life."

It was up to Matea to take care of him as a playmate, since she was barely 10 years older than him. She is considered the first teacher of the Liberator, teaching him his first words and encouraging him to start walking.

Between games and care, little Simón discovers how colonial society operated. According to what is documented by historians, growing up with Matea and Hipólita, he listened to stories about the origin of slavery. Little by little, he asks himself questions about freedom and the right to choose, thanks to two women with unconditional love.

In tribute to them, on March 8th, 2017, the remains of both entered the National Pantheon, to be with the hero they raised. "We have brought them in recognition of their life, their contribution, their example for all Venezuelans," said President Nicolás Maduro, who that day also directed the entry of the remains of the Apacuana indigenous chief.

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