



# FRSO CONDEMS U.S. KIDNAPPING OF PRESIDENT MADURO! STOP THE U.S. WAR AGAINST VENEZUELA: PEOPLE TO THE STREETS!

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To capture the president of another country is outrageous. It is the same script they ran with the failed 2002 coup against President Hugo Chávez. But make no mistake: the Bolivarian Revolution is not going down with this attack. The linchpin is not any single person. There is a whole movement with deep roots in communities and among workers, strong layers of leadership, and well-built institutions. Vice President Delcy Rodríguez and the rest of the key figures in the constitutional chain of command are standing ready, shoulder to shoulder with a united PSUV (United Socialist Party of Venezuela) and millions of conscious and organized Venezuelans. The fight continues, and mass mobilizations in the current moment are critical, to keep the U.S.-backed opposition hiding in their holes. Mobilizations here at home against Trump’s agenda and opposing U.S. war now need to show up and show out, too.

For over 25 years, U.S. imperialism has been waging a relentless campaign of economic sanctions and sabotage, slanderous lies in the media, and now open acts of war. Every tactic has failed so far because the Bolivarian Revolution is rooted in the will of the Venezuelan people, and the people refuse to kneel.

The Venezuelan government has declared that this an illegal military aggression, like the ones by Britain, the Netherlands and other powers 100 years ago. They invoked President Cipriano Castro, who in 1902 declared: “The insolent foot of the foreigner has profaned the sacred soil of the Fatherland.” And with the spirit of Bolívar, it also rightly calls on the people: “Pueblo a la calle!”

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This is a battle for Venezuela’s future, and a battle for ours. Does the world belong to the people or to U.S. empire, pillaging, plundering and crossing every red line? The answer is not in the boardrooms of Wall Street or in the White House in Washington D.C., it’s in the streets of Caracas, Chicago, and everywhere people say: NO TO U.S. WARS!

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