

Leaked Document Reveals Plot to Destabilize Venezuelan Goverment: "US Embassy Officials Encouraging Acts of Sabotage"

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Leaked documents have revealed evidence of a plot to destabilize Venezuela and undermine the rule of leftist President Nicolas Maduro. The papers appear to substantiate Caracas' claims of outside attempts to cripple the country through internal sabotage.

Documents obtained by a contributor to RT's Spanish channel, Eva Golinger, detail a structured plan to erode the stability of Venezuela with a view to "returning real democracy and independence that have been hijacked for more than 14 years."

The plans are allegedly the product of a conference between American company FTI Consulting and two right-wing Colombian groups affiliated with former President Alvaro Uribe in the Colombian city of Cucuta in June of this year.



Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro (Reuters/Jorge Silva)

Former President Uribe was an outspoken critic of former Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez, referring to him openly on Twitter as a "dictator" and an "assassin."

The three groups propose an initiative they name "The Venezuelan Strategic Plan" and list

the ways in which they can disrupt all facets of Venezuelan society in the run-up to December's regional elections.

"The suggested aims in the plan are especially geared towards the municipal elections on December 8," writes the document. In the elections the Venezuelan population will choose 335 mayors, 2,435 municipal councilors, 69 local indigenous representatives, 2 mayors and 20 district councils.

The document is broken down into bullet points, which deal with how to maximize the impact on "all sectors of the Venezuelan population."

The strategies to be employed include: "creating crisis on the streets, facilitating the intervention of North America and NATO forces with the Colombian army," power cuts, food shortages, support and financing of the political opposition.

The document writes that violence should also be encouraged and "whenever possible lead to deaths and injuries." It also gives special mention to Venezuelan opposition figure Henrique Capriles who lost in the presidential elections at the beginning of the year, advising support of his political campaign.







Plan Estratégico Venezolano

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La democracia en América Latina ha sufrido un revés y se encuentra secuestrada por gobiernos populistas que prohíben, violan y amedrentan el pensamiento liberal, la libertad de expresión y los Derechos Humanos en la región.

El Centro de Pensamiento Primero Colombia apoya libre y abiertamente el pensamiento liberal en América Latina que deponga la amenaza expandida en la región con la violación de los Derechos Humanos y de la Voluntad Popular.

Por tales hechos de conjunto con la FTI Consulting y con la Fundación Internacionalismo Democrático, trabajamos en función de restaurar la democracia en América Latina que ha sido agraviada por los regímenes seudo-progresistas liderados por Venezuela.

El Plan Estratégico Venezolano, consensuado con dignos representantes de la oposición al gobierno de Nicolás Maduro, se orienta hacia estos objetivos con el fuerte y constante apoyo de varias personalidades mundiales en función de que se le devuelva a Venezuela la verdadera democracia e independencia que han estado secuestrados por más de 14 años.

Tiempo

Disponemos de 185 días para lograr las metas trazadas en Plan Estratégico Venezolano y ejecutar las acciones diseñadas para conseguir los objetivos previstos.

Alcance

En todo el territorio de la República de Venezuela, a todos los sectores de la ciudadanía venezolana y a todas las instituciones gubernamentales y administrativas del país.

Over the last couple of months, Venezuelan state media has reported on shortages of a number of basic products, including sugar, milk, oil, butter and flour. Moreover, there have been a number of reports of large quantities of these basic good being confiscated from warehouses belonging to businessmen linked to the opposition and smugglers crossing the border to Colombia.

In August, Venezuelan authorities intercepted between 50 and 60 tons of basic goods in the state of Tachira which borders with Colombia.

President Nicolas Maduro has blamed many of these cases on attempts by foreign powers to meddle in Venezuelan affairs with a view to destabilizing the country. In October, Maduro expelled three top American diplomats from Venezuela, alleging they were plotting with the opposition to orchestrate mass power cuts.

"We detected a group of US embassy officials dedicated to meeting the far right, and to financing and encouraging acts of sabotage against the electrical system and Venezuela's economy," Maduro said in a televised speech.

The US Embassy denied such a plot existed and any "involvement in any type of conspiracy to destabilize the Venezuela government."

Maduro was named as successor by former President Hugo Chavez who died of cancer on March 5 this year. When Maduro assumed the presidency in April he swore to carry on the legacy of Chavez and adopted the same fiery anti-American rhetoric as his predecessor.

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