

# Senator Mark Rubio Tells Maduro He Will End Up Like Gaddafi

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*Mike Pompeo, the former boss of the world's most prolific terror organization, the CIA, climbed up on his high State Department horse Saturday and lectured us on the crimes of the "sick tyrant" Nicolas Maduro.*

We denounce Maduro's refusal to let humanitarian assistance reach [#Venezuela](#). What kind of a sick tyrant stops food from getting to hungry people? The images of burning trucks filled with aid are sickening. [pic.twitter.com/bj1Qsxkgx8](https://pic.twitter.com/bj1Qsxkgx8)

— Secretary Pompeo (@SecPompeo) [February 24, 2019](#)

This little tweeted tirade was intended for the ignorant masses in America who know virtually nothing about Venezuela beyond what a lying and script-reading corporate media tells them.

For instance, they don't know Russia and other countries have sent food and supplies to Venezuela and the US-orchestrated events on the border are designed to make you think Maduro is denying aid and willfully starving his people.

[#Russia](#) delivers 7 tons of humanitarian aid to [#Venezuela#HumanitarianAid](#) [pic.twitter.com/sE9diLf3nT](https://pic.twitter.com/sE9diLf3nT)

— Press TV (@PressTV) [February 22, 2019](#)

US guide to "helping" people of [#Venezuela](#):

- Step 1. Sanction billions \$ worth of oil exports, needed to import food & vital supplies.
- Step 2. Offer instead few trucks of "USAID aid" to "save" [#Venezuela](#), while using it as a tool to carry out coup d'etat. [pic.twitter.com/m374f013tR](https://pic.twitter.com/m374f013tR)

— Russia in RSA 🇷🇺 (@EmbassyofRussia) [February 24, 2019](#)

Pompeo would also have you believe evil Cuban communists are calling the shots in Venezuela.

Cuban agents are directing attacks on the people of [#Venezuela](#) on behalf of Maduro. The Venezuelan military should do its duty, protect the country's citizens, and prevent the Havana puppeteers from starving hungry children. [#EstamosUnidosVE](#)

— Secretary Pompeo (@SecPompeo) [February 24, 2019](#)

So, what are these vile communists doing? In return for subsidized oil, they are providing doctors and diplomats.

But if you read [The War Street Journal](#), you will get a different picture: the Cubans are orchestrating the murder of Venezuelans and spying on Venezuelan army officers to head off a coup.

"If the international community wants to head off disaster, a good place to start would be in Havana," Mary Anastasia O'Grady wrote for the newspaper in 2017.

Neocon favorite Marco Rubio let it be known what the US has in mind for Maduro. He tweeted out this on Sunday:

[pic.twitter.com/ZwxbWyV1HF](https://pic.twitter.com/ZwxbWyV1HF)

— Marco Rubio (@marcorubio) [February 24, 2019](#)

Senator Marco Rubio tweets picture of slain Gaddafi in an apparent threat to Venezuela's Maduro. Rubio championed overthrowing Gaddafi, claiming in 2011 "a new beginning for the people". The resulting civil war left it with tens of thousands killed, terrorism & slave markets. <https://t.co/M9fbIBhFvk>

— WikiLeaks (@wikileaks) [February 24, 2019](#)

Prior to this, Rubio posted a couple photos of Manuel Noriega, the CIA's favored drug kingpin who fell from favor.

[pic.twitter.com/6eV5ZkbMF1](https://pic.twitter.com/6eV5ZkbMF1)

— Marco Rubio (@marcorubio) [February 24, 2019](#)

Noriega's useful past for the neoliberal cartel is of course not mentioned by Rubio.

"Noriega was recruited as a CIA informant while studying at a military academy in Peru," writes [Mark Tran](#). "He received intelligence and counterintelligence training at the School of the Americas at Fort Gulick, Panama, in 1967, as well as a course in psychological operations at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He was to remain on the CIA payroll until February 1988."

The Panamanian dictator “made himself valuable to the US during the Contra wars when he allowed the US to set up listening posts in Panama and by helping the US campaign against the leftist Sandinista regime in Nicaragua. Noriega allowed Panama to be used as a conduit for US money and weapons for the Contras as then US president Ronald Reagan sought to undermine the Sandinistas. But Noriega’s increasing brutality turned him into a liability, especially after the assassination of Hugo Spadafora, a political opponent who was found beheaded in 1985.”

After the 1988 Senate subcommittee on terrorism, narcotics and international operations concluded that US support for Noriega “represents one of the most serious foreign policy failures for the United States,” the first Bush administration decided the small Central America country with its strategically invaluable canal must be invaded and Noriega taken down.

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Meanwhile, those of us who can't find Venezuela on a map will likely fall for the narrative pushed by the corporate media as it reads from its government script.

As noted by [Mark Cook](#) of FAIR, the propaganda media in the US has engaged in serial and pathological lying about Venezuela.

In other words, those of us who either refuse to do our homework, are intellectually incurious, and take the media's gross distortions and lies as a matter of fact will support the continuation and escalation of economic sanctions and the growing probability of war waged against not only Venezuela, but Nicaragua and Cuba as well.

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