

Venezuela Protesters Set 40 Tons of Subsidized Food on Fire

Some 40,000 families will be affected by the act of sabotage.

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Featured image: Since April, the right-wing opposition in Venezuela has led violent actions that have left over 80 dead and more than 100 injured. (Photo: Twitter / @RMarcoTorres)

Two [Venezuelan protesters](#) attacked a state-owned storehouse Thursday, setting fire to the building and destroying food reserves kept there.

Anzoátegui's state governor, Nelson Moreno reported that around 7 p.m. the two men armed with Molotov cocktails, scaled the institution's fence and attempted to burn the facility to the ground.

About 40 tons of food that would have been distributed through the Mercal subsidized food market and subsidized government programs were consumed by the flames.

Officials said the destruction of the warehouse was a strategic move by the opposition groups, given its strategic location between the cities of Barcelona, Puerto la Cruz and Lecherías.

La noche del jueves grupos vinculados a la oposición quemaron alrededor de 40 toneladas de alimentos en Anzoátegui <https://t.co/jkplgMC6cMpic.twitter.com/hj2QaBIFhw>

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"On Thursday night groups linked to the opposition burned around 40 tons of food in Anzoátegui."

Consequently, 40,000 families will be affected by the fire, which also serves 399 Local Supply and Production Committees, CLAP, 278 schools, 31 comprehensive diagnostic centers, three penitentiaries, a geriatric center, as well as 52 nutrition houses.



The Mercal Food Market in Anzoategui (Source: teleSUR)

Governor Moreno reassured families that firemen were able to salvage over half of the goods kept in the collection center. These will be distributed by the Local Committees of Supply and Production.

The violent incident follows the pattern of [violent acts](#) promoted since April by opposition groups across the country in order to destabilize the government of President Nicolas Maduro.

Derecha venezolana incendia toneladas de alimentos subsidiados que iban a ser distribuidos por el Estado <https://t.co/jkplgMC6cM> [#30Jun](https://t.co/jkplgMC6cM) [pic.twitter.com/7G5trjz7zT](https://t.co/jkplgMC6cM)

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“Venezuelan right ignites tons of subsidized food that was to be distributed by the state”

Moreno said that these actions are part of the plan of extremist sectors of opposition to sabotage the Constituent Assembly process called by Maduro.

“They will not be able to stop the advance of the call made by our President [Nicolas Maduro](#) to the National Constituent Assembly,” the governor said.

The [National Constituent Assembly](#) holds its final elections on July 30 when 545 candidates will be selected to represent the country’s social, regional and economic sectors.

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