

Venezuela Sounds Alarm after Obama Invokes International Emergency Act

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Santa Elena, March 10th, 2015. (venezuelanalysis.com)- Venezuelan foreign minister Delcy Rodriguez sent an alert to international solidarity groups this afternoon, indicating that recent actions taken by the US government are meant to justify "intervention," and do not correspond with international law.

The warning came within 24 hours of an address made by US president Barack Obama, in which Venezuela was labeled an "unusual and extraordinary threat to [US] national security".

While slapping a new set of sanctions on the South American nation, Obama declared a national emergency, invoking the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA) against Venezuela. Other states which currently have the IEEPA invoked against them include; Iran, Myanmar, Sudan, Russia, Zimbabwe, Syria, Belarus and North Korea.

Venezuelan president Nicolas Maduro responded to the move yesterday evening by describing it as the most aggressive step the US has taken against Venezuela to date.

The Venezuelan leader branded the declarations as "hypocritical," asserting that the United States poses a much bigger threat to the world.

"You are the real threat, who trained and created Osama Bin Laden... " said Maduro, referring to Bin Laden's CIA training during the late 1970s to fight the Soviet army in Afghanistan.

He also remarked upon "double standards" in the White House's accusations that Venezuela has violated human rights in its treatment of anti-government protestors.

"Defend the human rights of the black U.S. citizens being killed in U.S. cities every day, Mr. Obama," he said.

"I've told Mr. Obama, how do you want to be remembered? Like Richard Nixon, who ousted Salvador Allende in Chile? Like President Bush, responsible for ousting President Chavez? ... Well President Obama, you already made your choice ... you will be remembered like President Nixon," Maduro declared during a live television broadcast.

The South American president went on to outline ways in which the United States has already interfered in Venezuelan affairs, pointing to 105 official statements made by that government in the past year- over half of which demonstrate explicit support for Venezuelan

opposition leaders.

The Venezuelan government previously accused the United States of playing a direct role in a [thwarted coup attempt last month](#). The president today reminded viewers that the man believed to have financed the coup, Carlos Osuna, is currently “in New York, under the protection of the US government.”

Maduro also requested this morning the use of the Enabling Act to pass “a special law to preserve peace in the country” in the face of US threats.

If the powers are granted by the National Assembly, Maduro plans to draft next Tuesday an “anti-imperialist law to prepare us for all scenarios and to win,” he said today.

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