

The People of Venezuela Are Resisting, Fighting and Preparing

In its historical development the Latin American nation has accumulated an important experience of struggle against imperialism, especially against the actions of the U.S.-E.U. imperialist bloc, which has been the common enemy of the countries of the region. It has been hindering the initiatives of unity, economic development, independence and sovereignty, due to its claims to total control of all of America since the beginning of its imperialist development.

The decisiveness and firmness of the peoples, the action of patriotic governments, popular mobilization, taking advantage of the balances in international organizations or the struggle between imperialist blocs, has kept these claims at bay for a time, opening some cracks for democracy and sovereignty. These democratic processes have also had, in various forms and moments, the support of the revolutionary forces of the world, but at the present time the offensive for total control has intensified throughout Latin America. Thus, it is necessary to seriously prepare popular unity, resistance and struggle against imperialism in its current Zionist fascist form.

The aggressiveness of Yankee imperialism has left behind the discourse of "democracy" and "soft power" to assume the dictatorial and violent action of Zionist fascism that is expanding throughout the world. That form of revenge of financial capital against the working class and peoples who show themselves to be different was unleashed as a way to stop the advance of the China-Russia bloc in the region, as well as the expansion of reformist leftist ideas, which achieved electoral victories even in countries such as Colombia and Chile, after decades of tight repressive control.

The expansion of leftist ideas in the region showed the exhaustion of the US model as a reference point for society and democracy, which together with the general crisis of capitalism and the cyclical crises that cannot be resolved with traditional methods, as well as the pressure of the China-Russia bloc for a new division of the world. It has been pushing imperialism in general to resort to violence as a way of resolving these contradictions; reviving the military industrial apparatus, stealing raw materials, appropriating industries, territories and markets in order to better face the challenges of the decomposition of a historically obsolete mode of production. This affects the United States more intensely, which realizes its accelerated loss of control in some geographical regions and scientific-technical areas. Thus they are trying to regain their absolute monopoly throughout the Americas.

The retaking control of areas of influence, no longer with the traditional methods of "soft power" but through subjugation and direct violence, is the form adopted for this period of imperialist rearrangement and fascistization. This is why the U.S. offensive in Latin America is growing, leaving behind international institutions, laws, liberal democracy or principles of coexistence. In order to regain total control in this new division of the world that was already divided during the Second World War, which is entering another phase, the powers are increasing their arsenal with the speed and violence typical of preparations for a large-scale military confrontation.

If we realize it, we have been moving rapidly from discussions about the restitution of democracy and the "Fight against dictatorships", sanctions and economic blockade, to direct military action against the peoples who are taking up positions against the great powers. In the midst of this imperialist offensive, the people of Venezuela had a process that began with rhetorical exchanges between President Chávez and the U.S. leadership, moving on to the beginning of the sanctions and blockade. This escalated to the placing of U.S. warships along the Venezuelan coast; the total economic, maritime and air blockade; the armed incursion and kidnapping of the president. Aggressive actions that have led, not only to a military and political defeat of the Maduro government on January 3, but also to the continued blackmail by the fascist-Zionist leadership of the Trump government against the government in charge of Delcy Rodríguez, with the consequent uncertainty of the population that sees with distrust what is happening and has undeniable doubts about the future of the current government policy, which sees itself more and more complacent with the historical oppressors of the people.

Some sell-out sectors consider that the violent action of the U.S. was something positive that will lead to a flourishing of the economy, dreaming of a bonanza that will be built by the U.S. monopolies through the export of oil and other raw materials. They do not realize that this dream of some has already been the nightmare of all the peoples where this prescription has been applied. It has produced greater social exclusion, poverty, repression and imperialist control of the country, even with the loss of sovereignty, independence and dignity.

We should remember that in Venezuela we have already experienced that prescription of gringo control during the 20th century, most recently during the period governed by the social democracy of AD [Democratic Action] and COPEI [a Social-Christian Party]. This culminated in the popular uprising of February 27 and 28, 1989, so we are convinced from our own experience, that the interventionist actions of U.S. imperialism will be the incentive for the reorganization of the native Zionist fascists. They are supported from the outside which, added to the plundering of wealth and super-exploitation of the workers, will lead to a new period of surrender and total submission to the bourgeoisie, as well as necessarily to a reorganization of the popular forces that must prepare for days of resistance and struggle against the neocolonial control that is beginning in Venezuela with the complicity of sectors of the government that justify themselves by the threats and military superiority. It is discarding decades of confrontation with that oppressive Yankee monster by the true revolutionaries and the conscious majorities that have already established mechanisms of popular response to the control of the United States over the country's wealth and the political decisions of the current government.

It is worth remembering the just emerging highest phase of capitalism, imperialism, when we already had the offensive of the European envoys blocking the ports of our country; then came the gringos who rejected the presence of European imperialism in America, justifying themselves with the Monroe Doctrine and the slogan "America for the Americans", in order to subdue us with their monopolies and programs, appropriating the wealth of our countries through their companies, armed invasion and

puppet governments that are never lacking.

This long process of resistance against the capitalist powers has gone through several periods of struggle; from the aggression of Germany, the United Kingdom and Italy against the government of Cipriano Castro in 1902, to the current blockade, invasion and subjection by the United States with the support of some countries of the E.U.

Up to 2026, there have been more than 100 years of resistance and struggle carried out by the revolutionary popular movement, especially that based on Marxism-Leninism. There have been moments of resounding advances and also educational setbacks that are preparing us for the confrontation against the direct forces of the United States. This was a clash in which, despite the training, international solidarity and popular mobilization, Maduro's government was defeated in the first direct military onslaught. In this, conventional defense was not used, nor was the tactic of people's war deployed by its leadership, nor was mass resistance mobilized, opening a new moment of subordination of national sovereignty to Yankee capital and government by a timid and vacillating government, threatened by the force of fascism, which opened the doors to the enemy to temporarily save its own skin.

With the government of Delcy Rodríguez, as we have said, a new period is beginning for the revolutionaries, which is taking us back to times before the Bolivarian movement in terms of social measures of government, sovereignty, democracy and freedoms. Still some progressive symbols remain "for now" under the current government and most importantly, the anti-imperialist and anti-fascist spirit in the revolutionary organizations as well as in an important part of the people who have not yet fought, nor have they been defeated and are preparing to implement the plans of resistance and struggle in the future.

For Marxist-Leninists, the struggle against the bourgeoisie, imperialism, or the exploiters in general with their technological and military superiority is, as we have already clarified, nothing new; nor is there anything to be surprised at or surrendered to in the first battle. Since the beginning of the 20th century we have been fighting against imperialism, through its native lackeys first and now it is our direct turn against the members of the US government. However it is necessary to appreciate that since January 3, 2026 there has been an abrupt change, which has demoralized the petty bourgeoisie and emerging bourgeoisie, leading it to change the position of the government with respect to the imperialist blocs; moving from the China-Russia bloc to the U.S.-E.U. bloc overnight, with a change in policies, cabinet, and laws with little resistance.

In the composition of the forces mobilized against US imperialism there have also been great changes, with a sharp debate on the independent mobilization against imperialism since the government went from the discourse of confrontation, with preparation even of the irregular armed resistance to confront the forces of the aggressors "in any terrain", to the undeniable pragmatic collaboration with the U.S. government, subordinating itself to its orientations and leaders. This is totally diverting the course of the Venezuelan bourgeois democratic process, abandoning the basic premises of the

Bolivarian period in a clear turn that weakens the forces confronting Yankee imperialism and makes the conditions of the revolutionary and popular struggle in Venezuela more difficult.

This drastic change cultivates uncertainty in the people and the Armed Forces, who see with great concern the way in which the immediate response plans established in the laws of commotion were annulled, as well as in the preparations to activate the comprehensive defense system. This is leaving the people defenseless after having structured, planned and disseminated, theoretically, a system of a war of the whole people, but at the time of implementation the high political and military leaders cowered in the face of the threats and betrayal that led to the kidnapping of Maduro.

Despite the obvious difference in forces and the material superiority of the imperialist aggressors, which is not new or a surprise, the people of Venezuela have resisted their various campaigns of siege and harassment. This gives us the certainty that after passing through the impact of the betrayal, confusion and mourning that it perceived, the people will restart the struggle against Yankee imperialism, as well as solidarity with Cuba and other peoples. They will resume the revolutionary path, since this long history of struggle has allowed for the development in the popular field of experiences of resistance, consciousness, coming together and preparation. These are being put to the test as of January 3, 2026 with the U.S. attack and the disregard of the decree of commotion by those in charge of apply it in the absence of Maduro. These people later, contradictorily, have resorted to making modifications to the laws in compliance with the guidelines of the new government, which has collaborationist aspects, although it still maintains some elements of the Bolivarian symbology.

It is very clear that we Marxist-Leninists do not support policies of inconsistency, betrayal or genuflection in the face of the imperialist-fascist enemy, nor the non-application of the plans of popular resistance. We criticize the actions that lead to subjection to imperialism and surrender of sovereignty, especially the hasty modification of laws and handing over of wealth in an action of submission of the high authorities of the current government. We define this by its concrete policy, its daily practical action and the composition of the cabinet, as another government, different from that of Maduro and contrary to that of Chávez; in the same way we support the demand for the resumption of the anti-imperialist path, respect for national sovereignty, maintaining the constitutional premises of total control of the production and commercialization of hydrocarbons, which have been violated in the reform of the LOH (Law of Hydrocarbons); just as we reject the interference of U.S. officials in the management of the resources and politics in Venezuela. We propose as a matter of urgency organizing the truly revolutionary forces in order to revive the ideas of popular democracy for which a large part of the Venezuelan people have made immense sacrifices.

According to the new international political situation, it is very important to be clear that within the U.S.-E.U. imperialist bloc there are forces of decomposition, divisions, opposition of economic and popular groups to the policy based on blackmail, fascist negotiation and repression. This, under a mafia style, has reached direct violent

aggression as a favorite mechanism to pressure the "agreements" that interest them. with ways of acting that represent the most reactionary monopolies, which also have counterparts inside and outside the United States.

Trump and his gangster gang have revived the decomposed methods, now from within the government, transforming their lumpen behavior into state policy, with all the consequences and gravity of that step. This is not towards the expanding capitalism as he wants to make it seem, but the decomposing, reactionary, Zionist fascist capitalist state and therefore sustained by violent dictatorship inside and outside its borders. It is accelerating fascistization, which necessarily creates resistance struggles among the peoples who every day realize that it is nothing other than the extreme dictatorship of financial, parasitic, lumpen capital, that they are promoting to eliminate the rights of workers and people in general.

It is very clear that since the gringo military aggression there have been profound changes in the political leadership of the Bolivarian process and in its course, permanently justified by the threat of the United States. This is recognized by the same actors who have said publicly that from the first moment their actions were taken by their fear of the superiority of the enemy and by the direct threats against them. This gives a character of illegality to each and every one of the modified laws, agreements signed and decrees applied since January 5, 2026. These together with the revolutionary popular counter-offensive will lead to their annulment in the future and the advance of the real revolutionary forces that are reorganizing today.

The people together with their true revolutionary vanguard, have to objectively evaluate the situation; to call everything by its name, to prepare, to measure their strength, to take a step forward, to come out of mourning and to create the conditions for resistance, to rescue the laws approved by the majority and legally in the past, as well as the Constitution, the development plans, the revolutionary military doctrine, to apply the current law of commotion, to achieve independence as a concrete expression of sovereignty.

We call on the people not to be confused by the deceptive offers of imperialism and the bourgeoisie, which today offer beautiful salaries and living conditions to avoid struggle and confrontation with their interventionist policies. However, experience tells us that they are falsehoods to capture the naïve, to divide and strike. We must continue working on the plans of popular resistance, on the organization of the workers, peasants and commune members to be prepared at the moment when we break the mechanisms of oppression and can confront the oppressive forces of Yankee imperialism.

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