

# *Evo Morales Says the OAS Is Biased Against Latin America's Progressive Governments*

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La Paz, September 1 (RHC)-- Bolivian President Evo Morales says that the secretary-general of the Organization of American States, the OAS, is biased and doesn't defend leftist, progressive governments in the region that are under attack.

Evo Morales said OAS Secretary-General Luis Almagro supports only right-wing governments while attacking left-of-center leaders like Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro.

Last week, Evo Morales strongly criticized Almagro for releasing a letter of support addressed to a head of the Venezuelan opposition, Leopoldo Lopez, a promoter of a recall referendum against Maduro. Lopez led violent protests in 2014 in Venezuela, known as guarimbas, that left 43 people dead and over 800 wounded.

Evo said: "Where is Almagro? When there's a conspiracy against leftist democratic governments we don't see Almagro. He only appears to defend the right-wing."

Maduro has repeatedly denounced foreign interference in Venezuela that is orchestrated by the United States government, the secretary-general of the OAS and the opposition in Venezuela's National Assembly.

As the secretary-general of the OAS, Almagro took an unprecedented step on May 31st by trying to use the Democratic Charter against the government of Venezuela in response to the economic and political crisis in the country. He has also moved to suspend Caracas from the international organization.

Venezuelan Foreign Minister Delcy Rodriguez says Almagro used his privileged position in the organization to promote a "coup" in Venezuela.

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