

Bolivian President Proposes Emergency Meeting on Venezuela's Unrest



La Paz, February 19 (RHC) -- Bolivian President Evo Morales on Tuesday proposed that the Union of South American Nations (UNASUR) call an emergency meeting on Venezuela, where recent violent actions undertaken by extremist sectors of the political opposition resulted in three deaths.

"Venezuela is not alone," Morales said during an interview with multinational TV news network Telesur, adding regional blocs, such as UNASUR -- the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States and the Bolivarian Alliance for the Americas (ALBA) -- have shown their support.

He also accused the United States of fomenting the unrest in Venezuela to topple the government of President Nicolas Maduro.

Morales said that the tension in Venezuela was a result of an international conspiracy to derail the socialist reforms spearheaded by late President Hugo Chavez.

Violence in Venezuela since last week has left three people dead and over 70 injured.

The government on Monday ordered three U.S. diplomats accused of inciting the turmoil to leave the country within two days.

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