

# *Venezuela Denounces Hostile Campaign at Human Rights Council*

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Geneva, March 7 (RHC)The Venezuelan mission in Geneva rejected statements by some UN experts at the Human Rights Council by describing them part of an international misinformation campaign.

The experts are echoing manipulations by local and foreign powerful interests aimed at destabilizing the legitimate Venezuelan government and which sponsored a frustrated coup in the past, read a communiqué by the Venezuelan mission.

During a recent visit to Geneva, foreign minister Elias Jaua contributed enough verifiable documentation on the reality of Venezuela both to the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Navi Pillay and UN Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon.

Not a single protestor has been arbitrarily arrested, the communiqué adds as it ratifies the government's commitment to legality and the guarantee of the right to defense to any person under legal process. The mission rejected statements made on alleged arbitrary detentions and the excessive use of force against demonstrators.

Since February 12, violent groups have carried out attacks against state buildings and public property, individuals, transport vehicles and even hospital ambulances.

The Bolivarian authorities ratify the full guarantee of the rights to freedom of expression and peaceful demonstrations, the mission added.

The communiqué explains that the country is on the way to peace and public calm thanks to the National Conference for Peace promoted by President Nicolas Maduro, which was also backed by the UN secretary general.

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