Nicolas Maduro addresses nation after attack on his life, announces perpetrators apprehended



Caracas, August 4 (RHC) -- Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro survived an attack on his life during a military parade Saturday evening celebrating the 81st anniversary of the Bolivarian National Guard in the capital, Caracas.

In a televised national address late Saturday, Maduro laid blame for the attack on "rightwing imperial forces" who he said had hired the would-be assassins.

"I must inform that they have been captured – those who attempted to take my life – and they are being processed. I won't say more, but the investigation is very advanced.

"I tell the Venezuelan opposition that I guarantee you can live in this country peacefully. If something happens to me, you will have to face millions of campesinos and humble people making justice with their own hands.

"I am alive, and I can tell you that after this attempt, I am even more determined to fight for the revolution."

Communications Minister Jorge Rodriguez had confirmed the attack – involving several drones packed with explosives – at a press conference earlier Saturday, shortly after video of the incident began surfacing on social media.



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