

Venezuela requests extradition of attempted Maduro assassination suspects



Caracas, August 17 (RHC)-- Venezuela's Supreme Court has formally requested the extradition of eight Venezuelan nationals living abroad who have been implicated in the failed assassination of President Nicolas Maduro.

The court has issued extradition requests to the governments of Colombia, Peru and the United States in connection with the drone attack that took place in Caracas on August 4th.

The requests relate to Rayder Alexander Russo Marquez; Yilber Alberto Escalona Torrealba; Osman Alexis Delgado Tabosky; Carlos Luis Aular Monastery; Virginia Antonieta da Silva-Pio; Elvis Rivas Barrios; Jossier Eduardo Lopez Valero and the opposition deputy and ex-president of the National Assembly (AN) Julio Borges.

The accused face charges of treason; the attempted murder of President Maduro; the attempted murder of several officials from the Bolivarian National Armed Forces; launching an explosive device at a public meeting; terrorism; and financing terrorism.

On August 4th, during the Bolivarian National Armed Forces 81st anniversary celebrations, two drones packed with C4 explosives were detonated while Maduro was delivering a speech, injuring seven military personnel.

Venezuela blamed the Colombian government of former President Juan Manuel Santos for the attempted assassination, along with opposition allies in Venezuela and the United States.

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