

Venezuela Accuses U.S. of Attempting to Fund Violent Anti-Government Protests



Caracas, March 15 (RHC-Agencies) -- Venezuela's top prosecutor on Friday accused the U.S. government of attempting to finance the ongoing violent actions by the right-wing opposition.

Speaking at a press conference in Geneva, where she was attending a meeting of the United Nations Human Rights Council, Attorney General Luisa Ortega Diaz said: "They asked for money, and undoubtedly it's to finance these violent actions that have been taking place in Venezuela."

U.S. senators are calling for an aid package of 15 million U.S. dollars to supposedly 'protect human rights and independent media outlets and strengthen democratic civil groups in Venezuela.'

"Venezuela prohibits (foreign) financing of national politics," the prosecutor said and warned that the Venezuelan government 'will sanction those who receive financing from foreign governments for national politics.'

Meanwhile, in Caracas President Nicolas Maduro said that Washington's interference in the internal affairs of a sovereign government, as Venezuela's "is leading President Obama into the abyss" that will

result in its own isolation from the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean.

At a press conference Friday at the Miraflores presidential palace, and attended by relatives of the victims of fascism promoted by right-wing sectors of Venezuela, Maduro said:

"Desperate interventionism of the U.S. government is obvious. (That reality) is leading President Obama into an abyss and will end up isolated from Latin America and the Caribbean."

The Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America (ALBA) expressed Friday through an official communique its rejection of the statements by US Secretary of State John Kerry against Venezuela.

"We strongly reject the recent interventionist statements by U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry about imposing unilateral sanctions on the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela," the communique issued by ALBA read.

The ALBA member states also condemned the meddling statements of the US representative at the Organization of American States (OAS), who said his country could invoke the Democratic Charter of the OAS against Venezuela.

Since its onset on Feb 12, violent anti-government actions in capital Caracas and other major Venezuelan cities have left 28 dead and more than 360 injured.

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