

# *China denies talks with Venezuelan opposition, slams Western media &quot;fake news&quot;;*

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Beijing, February 13 (RHC)-- The Foreign Ministry of China has rejected information disseminated by The Wall Street Journal about Venezuela, describing it as "fake news." The U.S. newspaper in a report on Tuesday quoted alleged sources saying that Chinese diplomats held talks in Washington with the representatives of the self-proclaimed "interim President" of Venezuela, Juan Guaido regarding a debt of \$20 billion to Beijing and on oil projects.

"The Wall Street Journal newspaper published yesterday that material (...) that is really false news," said the spokeswoman for the Chinese Foreign Ministry, Hua Chunying. Hua noted that these types of stories published by the U.S. press highlights their lack of professionalism and ethics.

The Chinese Foreign Ministry official added that the Western media is immersed in a fake news competition. "I do not know what objectives they are pursuing, but we hope that the media will prepare their publications in accordance with the principles of objectivity and impartiality," she stressed.

Regarding the Venezuelan political situation, Hua emphasized that her country advocates dialogue between the Venezuelan government and the opposition. Venezuela's internal affairs must be resolved through dialogue, Hua added, reiterating China's previous stance.

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