

# *Venezuelan official warns UNHCR against working with 'irregular groups'*

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Caracas, March 4 (RHC)-- In Venezuela, Freddy Bernal, a representative of the state of Táchira, has pointed to the creation of a so-called "army of liberation" by the country's right-wing opposition. Bernal warned the United Nations Agency of the United Nations for the Refugees (UNHCR) might be providing funds to "irregular groups" that intend to attack Venezuela.

In an exclusive interview for teleSUR over the weekend, Bernal urged the U.N. agency to decide on whether to collaborate with armed groups that intend to take action against Venezuela. However, he said the government and those in support of Maduro were grateful for the position of the United Nations as a whole in that the body made it clear it would not participate in the interventionist agenda of the United States and reaffirmed its recognition of the elected government of President Maduro.

Bernal also warned that the United States is planning attacks against the South American nation. "A new form of war is being prepared, internal chaos through paramilitaries and irregular groups with attacks on police installations, security and selective assassinations of political and military leaders," added the Bernal.

During the interview, Bernal reiterated the denunciations made by Vice President Delcy Rodríguez and Ambassador of Venezuela to the U.N. Samuel Moncada in which they warned of the creation of a so-called “army of liberation” by the Venezuelan right-wing opposition.

Bernal’s appointment as a protector of Táchira by President Maduro year ago made him head of the security staff at the state’s border region with Colombia given that it is an unstable border area due to smuggling and drug trafficking.

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