

# *Venezuela detains 66 involved in terrorist incursion*

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Caracas, May 21 (RHC)-- Venezuelan Attorney General Tarek William Saab has reported the arrest of 66 individuals involved in the failed terrorist incursion of May 3rd, aimed at perpetrating assassinations and coup d'état.

At a press conference held at the Public Prosecutor's Office, Saab said that the authorities have issued 99 arrest warrants and held 11 informatory hearings as part of the investigations into the paramilitary aggression organized inside Colombian territory with the participation of U.S. personnel.

From the information obtained during the investigations, the Fundación Futuro Presente was identified as being in charge of financing the logistics, food and rental of the training camps for the mercenaries, Saab said.

The attorney general said search and arrest warrants were requested against members of the foundation, including Yon Goicochea, for their alleged involvement in "Operation Gideon." He added that the investigations fully established the support of Colombian narco-paramilitary organizations to the mercenary incursion along the Venezuelan coast.

As a result of the confessions of several of the detainees, it was also shown that the camps for training the mercenaries were provided by Elkin Javier López (alias Doble Rueda), who is linked to the Los

Pachencas cartel, which controls extortion and drug trafficking on the Colombian Caribbean coast.

Now these criminal groups have allied themselves with the worst of Venezuelan politics to attack our territory and authorities, to turn Venezuela into another narco-state like Colombia," Saab said.

The attorney general also said he sent a letter to the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, Nancy Pelosi, in which she contributed information to the investigation being carried out by the U.S. Congress regarding the incursion into Venezuela, with the participation of the governments of Washington and Bogotá.

The letter reiterated the proven participation in the act of aggression of U.S. mercenaries associated with the company Silvercorp USA, owned by military contractor Jordan Goudreau, who signed a contract worth millions of dollars with people from the extreme right in Venezuela to set the terms of the operation.

In this regard, the official questioned whether the U.S. legal system allows contracting private security services with the aim of dismembering a state, violating the sovereignty of another country and perpetrating the assassination of a legitimate president and the constituted authorities of a nation.

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