

Wanted: One Venezuelan Supreme Court justice -- \$5 million reward



Caracas, July 22 (RHC)-- The president of Venezuela's Supreme Court of Justice (TSJ), Mikel Moreno, has rejected the latest U.S. attack that accused the judge of alleged corruption. And Washington puts a price on the head of Venezuelan Supreme Court president.

"It is not the first time that the spokesmen of the U.S. empire have tried to attack me, in their clumsy, desperate attempts, full of manipulations and lies, through which they seek to subvert the democratic institutionality and peace in Venezuela, but they will not be able to achieve it, because the independence and sovereignty of the Homeland are not in question," emphasized the president of the TSJ.

Justice Mikel Moreno reiterated that in the South American country there is sovereignty, self-determination and separation of powers. "The Venezuelan Judicial Power does not accept any tutelage from any foreign government; in our country we owe ourselves to the Constitution, the laws and the people," he added.

The magistrate's pronouncement comes after the U.S. Treasury Department claimed that he "used his position of authority to obtain personal benefits" -- offering a reward of \$5 million for information to

"process" the magistrate.

This is not the first time that the U.S. has attacked officials from various branches of the Venezuelan government. Recently, the Trump administration included the Venezuelan cryptoactive superintendent Joselit Ramirez Camacho on its "Most Wanted" list. "We strongly reject the persecution of the Sunacrip superintendent Joselit Ramirez by the Donald Trump government as a strategy to attack the Venezuelan economy and distract attention from the massive protests and humanitarian crisis in the U.S.," added Venezuelan Foreign Minister Jorge Arreaza.

On March 12, U.S. Attorney William Barr filed "charges" against officials of the Venezuelan constitutional government, which includes President Nicolás Maduro, Defense Minister Vladimir Padrino, Judge Maikel Moreno and the president of the National Constituent Assembly, Diosdado Cabello.

In addition to the false accusations, the White House imposes an illegal economic, financial and commercial blockade on the South American country, which impedes its access to raw materials and obstructs Venezuela's commercial relations with most of the nations of the world, which represents a clear violation of International Law.

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