

# *Extremists in Venezuela exasperated by country's modest advances*

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Venezuela has been the target of sanctions and attacks harmful to the economy, security and welfare, as is the case with sabotage to the energy industry.

Authorities denounced the explosion in a gasoline pipeline in the eastern region, caused by an intentional act, with the balance of three people injured, a fire and losses still to be calculated.

Venezuelans remember in their dramatism the sabotages to the generation of electricity, as part of sinister plans that affected national life significantly.

It is a war led by extremists who seek to put an end to the government of the constitutional president, Nicolás Maduro.

The most recent attack against a gasoline pipeline is part of an atmosphere of apparent euphoria of the battered, disunited and belligerent extremist opposition in Venezuela.

The puppet president, Juan Guaidó, applauded the triumph of the opposition aspirant to the governorship of the state of Barinas, cradle of the Chávez family.

Guaidó's followers and other recalcitrant followers delivered to Washington's instructions elude referring to the fact that the Polo Patriótico, with the United Socialist Party of Venezuela at the head, has obtained 19 of the 23 governorships.

Therefore, the predominance of progressive forces is unquestionable, as well as the modest progress in the economy.

In the midst of undeniable shortages derived from the fierce sanctions of the United States and the European Union, Venezuela is beginning to emerge from hyperinflation.

This is seen as such by registering four consecutive months with a single digit monthly inflation variation.

This does not mean that the pressure of rising prices has been erased, but it confirms that the government's efforts to oxygenate the domestic market are beginning to yield results.

A certain upturn, albeit modest, in oil production, whose industry was severely punished by the U.S. punishments, is contributing to this.

The state-owned PDVSA will start exporting diluted crude oil after a nine-month stoppage, while also increasing gasoline production.

It is possible that the advances, even if moderate, will irritate the extremists, to the point of encouraging them to replicate criminal methods, not exempt of desperation.

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