

# *Latin American Leaders Mark 60th Anniversary of Chavez's Birth*

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Caracas, July 29 (Xinhua-RHC) -- Leaders of Latin America and the Caribbean marked the 60th anniversary of the birth of late Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez on Monday by vowing to carry on his legacy.

Hailing him as a "prophet who came to change our history," Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro, presiding over a ceremony in Chavez's hometown of Sabaneta, said that activities during the day across the country served to ratify the huge commitment that millions have to Chavez.

Maduro said the legacy of Chavez's Bolivarian Revolution would continue to ensure peace, prosperity and welfare in Latin America.

The Bolivarian Revolution seeks to implement popular democracy, economic independence and an end to political corruption in Venezuela. Maduro condemned the U.S. government for its attempt to overthrow the Bolivarian revolutionary project.

Meanwhile, Bolivian President Evo Morales urged the Venezuelan people to unite as one and to consolidate the Bolivarian Revolution. Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega stressed the historic

significance of Hugo Chavez as a catalyst for the Latin American and Caribbean integration currently felt in the region.

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