

Venezuelan president inspects area affected by heavy rains in Las Tejerías

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The Venezuelan leader toured the El Béisbol sector, the place that has reported the greatest material and human damages, after the weekend rains. | Photo: @PresidencialVen

Caracas, October 10 (RHC)-- Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro evaluated on Monday the search, rescue, cleaning and direct attention to the affected population of Las Tejerías, a town belonging to the Santos Michelena municipality, Aragua state, which was seriously affected by rainfall and a large-scale landslide over the weekend.

Together with the Governor of Aragua State, Karina Carpio, the President made a tour of the El Béisbol sector, place that has reported the occurrence of major material and human damages, as a consequence of the flooding and overflowing of five streams that caused floods and landslides.

In declarations to the local press, President Maduro acknowledged the fighting spirit of the inhabitants of that Venezuelan region, despite the consequences of the inclement weather of the last hours.

"The people always with their spirit of resistance, of struggle, in all circumstances, is what saves the people of Venezuela, their fighting spirit. The people's power, the community leaders. It is indeed impressive, and the conscience that the people have. At the moment of something like this, solidarity works. Tejerías is going to rise from its ashes like the Phoenix," said Nicolas Maduro.

According to official statistics provided by the Minister for Internal Relations, Justice and Peace, Remigio Ceballos Icho, so far there are more than 30 deaths and more than 50 missing persons. Meanwhile, Venezuelan Vice President Delcy Rodríguez informed that at least 1,300 families have been affected, as well as 317 homes totally destroyed and 757 with severe damages.

Likewise, Rodríguez detailed that there are three active shelters to protect the inhabitants of the region, while she highlighted the recovery of 80 percent of the electricity and 13 drinking water wells.

The authorities of the South American country also stated that water has been delivered to the people of that locality as well as some 300 tons of food, including 60 tons of protein and 240 tons of non-perishable foodstuffs.

Currently, about 1,200 troops of the Strategic Operational Command of the Bolivarian National Armed Forces (Ceofanb), the National Risk Management System and citizen security agencies are working in the development of rescue actions in the area.

At the same time, an Emergency and Disaster Control and Coordination Center was activated to attend to those affected, with the support of the shelter coordination of the Somos Venezuela Movement, the Social Protection System of the National Government and the Bolivarian National Armed Forces (FANB).

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