

# *Venezuela accuses U.S. of distorting human rights issues*

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Caracas, January 21 (RHC)-- The United States has distorted the human rights issue in Venezuela for its own political ends, Venezuelan Foreign Minister Yvan Gil said Friday. "Through distorted narratives, the U.S. aims to make political use of human rights to excuse the acts of political violence that it has encouraged against Venezuela in recent years," Gil said on Twitter.

Gil's statement was in response to allegations made by the U.S. Department of State that Venezuela had violated the human rights of a woman who was imprisoned.

Earlier, Gil also responded to a statement by the U.S. Department of State that it would continue to impose sanctions, or unilateral coercive measures, against the South American country. The foreign minister described the sanctions as "a crime against humanity that puts (the United States) in violation of international law."

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