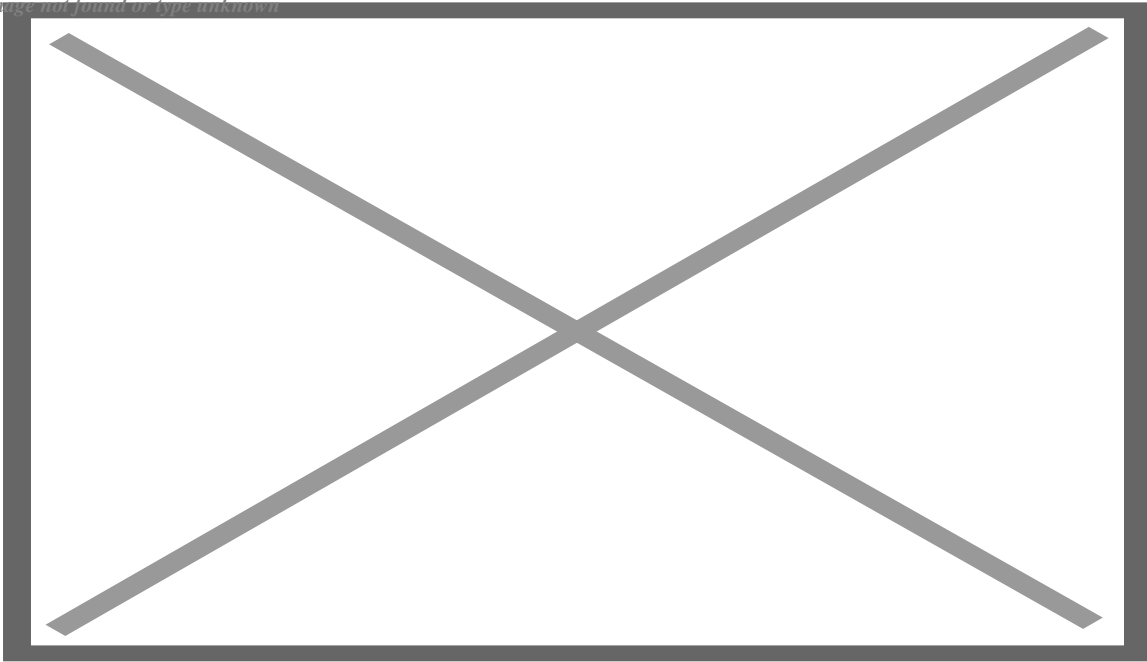


# *Venezuelan military reiterates commitment to electoral process*

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Caracas, August 25 (RHC)-- Venezuela's Minister of Defense, G/J Vladimir Padrino López, rejected on Thursday in a televised address, the calls of opposition sectors to subvert the constitutional order and disregard institutions.

The military leader asserted that by instructions of the Venezuelan President and Commander in Chief of the Bolivarian National Armed Forces, Nicolás Maduro Moros, he extends to the military commanders a call to ignore the extremist voices that seek to cloud the constitutional process of presidential elections, scheduled for the end of 2024.

He also denounced that the new attacks aim at hindering the work that the people and the Government of Venezuela are carrying out to recover the welfare of the nation, and in this sense, they add to the policy of illegal economic sanctions imposed on the country by the United States and that affect to a greater extent the most vulnerable sectors of the country.

Padrino López read a communiqué in which the FANB denounces new attempts by extremist sectors of the national opposition, in alliance with external factors, for intervention in the country through media manipulation and the biased use of international organizations, with the purpose of questioning the

authorities and institutions of the country. A plan that he defined as an escalation against the stability of the republic.

The document assures that the military authorities will guarantee the security and the correct performance of the electoral process in accordance with the constitutional mandate, without detriment to the rest of their obligations, among which the combat against irregular armed groups, the fight against drug trafficking, the approach to the scourge of illegal mining and the support to the Military Community Brigades for Education and Health, known as Brocomiles, stand out.

The General-in-Chief assured that the Bolivarian National Armed Force is firm in its attachment to the Constitution and ratifies its unconditional loyalty to President Nicolás Maduro.

Finally, the Vice-President for Political Sovereignty, Security and Peace also assured that the political conscience of the Venezuelan people will prevent them from falling into the provocations of the national right wing and its foreign allies

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