

New Video Shows Venezuelan Opposition Activists Planning Violence



Caracas, September 16 (RHC) -- A video of a conference surfaced on Monday showing Venezuelan opposition activists planning terrorist activities against the government of President Nicolas Maduro.

The video, released by Venezuelan state television, VTV, shows two activists talking while in Colombia to someone in Venezuela, apparently planning an attack on a bridge in the Venezuelan state of Táchira.

Táchira is a Venezuelan border state that has also been one of the main focal areas for the Venezuelan opposition, in which opposition activists terrorized neighborhoods for several months earlier this year.

The two men have been identified as Gabriel Valles and Lorent Gómez Saleh. Valles is President of the Venezuelan opposition youth organization "Operation Liberty."

Both Saleh and Valles are currently under arrest in Venezuela, following their expulsion from Colombia, last September 4th, because of activities that "threaten national security, public order, public health, social tranquility and public safety," in compliance with Article 105 of Colombia's migration law. When Colombia expelled the two, Venezuelan state authorities immediately apprehended the two young men at the

Venezuelan border.

At one point in the video, Valles says: "We are going to undergo training... in Bogotá," — and goes on to explain: "We have to have all of the vests and rifles ready, as well as the diplomatic cover..." Apparently, Saleh and Valles succeeded in gaining admission to Colombia's Higher School of War, where they attended a course on "National Defense Orientation."

Last week, Venezuela's public prosecutor announced that the two would be charged with up to seven crimes, including "instigation of civil disobedience, disruption of public order and spreading false information."

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