

# *Venezuelan president affirms that ALBA is a reference for people in struggle*

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Caracas, April 20 (RHC)-- Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro stressed Friday that the Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America - Peoples' Trade Agreement (ALBA-TCP) is a moral and political reference for people in struggle.

During his speech at the Meeting for a World Social Alternative, held in Caracas, the Bolivarian leader called for unity for the future and society. "We are going to unite everything that can be united for the future, for society and the alternative of a new socialist, constructive and egalitarian era, that is the slogan (...) Today ALBA is consolidating, today ALBA is a moral, political, programmatic reference, today ALBA is a reference for the people who struggle, who dream", he assured.

In addition, he urged to develop new strategies for the independent and sovereign peoples to continue their struggle against fascism. "The time has come from the social movements of ALBA, with a very broad vision of articulating a new world social alternative against capitalism, against fascism, in terms of a human civilization of peace and love, of life and hope, of a multipolar world from the peoples," he emphasized.

The Venezuelan president also expressed that the only way to be prepared for the fights they have to fight is "to have the people conscious, activated, informed and mobilized with their muscle, in time."

"Those of us who are in political power and those who are in the resistance and in the popular struggle, even more so. It is a very wise line to retake the mass popular movements in the struggle now, against neoliberalism and against fascism that is emerging as an alternative", he added.

The Venezuelan president warned that Zionism is behind the extreme right and that it has been present in the region, while he commented that the Secretary General of the Organization of American States (OAS), Luis Almagro, took it upon himself to bury that organization that "today is a thousand meters under the ground."

"Behind (Jair) Bolsonaro, behind (Javier) Milei, Zionism is putting its social networks so that they win the elections, putting the money; after they come to power, they crawl and surrender to the interests of Zionism. Is that a coincidence? We have been denouncing it, but it seems that it is not heard. Zionism is behind the extreme right. Here in Venezuela, they are behind the surnames, the Machado, the Capriles, all of them came out to applaud the genocide against the Palestinian people, the assault and bombing with missiles of the Iranian Consulate in Damascus, all of them. Here they are also a construct of Zionism," he highlighted.

And Nicolas Maduro reaffirmed that in Venezuela they will not pass and that the people will triumph against fascism, Zionism, oligarchy "or however they put it."

For his part, in view of the upcoming presidential elections on July 28th, the former president of Honduras, Manuel Zelaya, predicted the triumph of the Venezuelan head of state. "I do not know a leader, living it in my own flesh, so brave, so committed, so determined to sacrifice for a people, to move forward the peoples of Latin America against those who oppress us. Determined, patriotic, socialist and democratic -- as Nicolás Maduro Moros," he said.

The Venezuelan president reiterated the need to build a new global social alternative for a "new era of transition."

"A new epoch of transition to socialism, a new civilization, the civilization of love, to equality, solidarity, of life, without hegemonic empires, without colonialism, without fascism, without neoliberalism, without savage capitalism. A new society that invents and reinvents itself."

Likewise, he warned about what could happen if they remain with "the old speeches, with the old slogans, with the old ways of doing politics, they will pass over us and will make cosmic dust of us all (...) they will come as the Liberator said: we will leave for posterity several centuries of domination, slavery and colonialism now in fascism".

On the other hand, he stressed that the multipolar world has already been born and that imperialism knows it, since that means that "the countdown of the domination, the hegemony of the collective empires of the West has begun (...) their countdown began, and the humanity to come will be much better".

Another point raised by the president is that Colombia and Venezuela have a common destiny and that "whatever imperialism does", it will not be able to separate them. "Whatever the empires of the North do, Colombia and Venezuela have a common destiny: the union, cooperation and shared development of this immense region liberated by the sword of (Simón) Bolívar", he reaffirmed.

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