

# *Venezuelan authorities deny closure of airspace and denounce international media campaign*

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Electoral ballot boxes of CN July 2024 \*\* Photo: VTV

Caracas, July 27 (RHC)-- The National Institute of Civil Aeronautics (INAC) Venezuela denied this Friday the information that published in his account X President of Panama José Raúl Mulino on the alleged closure of Venezuelan airspace, and was replicated by various media outlets that respond to the extreme right-wing discourse and seek to support destabilization in Venezuela.

Through a message on its X social network account, the Venezuelan agency confirmed that the air operations are proceeding normally.

“The Venezuelan Aeronautical Authority confirms that air operations are being carried out as normal. Currently, the Flight Radar can see all three flights of Copa Airlines operating in Venezuela’s airspace”, said INAC.

The Committee also welcomes the fact that the Commission has also denied the international narrative of the extreme right about the alleged closure of the airspace of the South American country.

The text reads:

The information generated through the account of the Panamanian president Jose Raul Mulino is false. From the Venezuelan Aeronautical Authority we confirm that air operations are carried out completely normally. Currently on Flight Radar you can see the 3 Copa Airlines flights operating in Venezuelan airspace.

“Venezuelan airspace is not closed, which does not mean that the country is exposed to foreign interference. Venezuela is respected!” said Nájñez on his social network account X.

Previously, the president of Panama, José Raúl Mulino, made public that the plane that was moving to Venezuela to the former president of the country istmeño Mireya Moscoso and Colombia, Marta Lucía Ramírez, as well as the former representatives of Mexico, Vicente Fox; of Costa Rica, Miguel Ángel Rodríguez and of Bolivia, Jorge Tuto Quiroga was detained at the airport of Tocumen.

“Copa (Airlines) aircraft carrying (former) president (Mireya) Moscoso and other former presidents bound for Venezuela has not been allowed to take off from Tocumen while they are on board, The Venezuelan air space was blocked”, said the Panamanian head of state in his account to X.

However, these former presidents did not count on the formal invitation issued by the National Electoral Council (CNE) of Venezuela, and on the contrary, would be a guarantor of the destabilizing actions against the presidential elections next Sunday, The Commission has been making a number of recommendations to the Council, which are based on the Commission’s proposals.

In this regard, on 18 July, the Ministries of Defence and Internal Affairs, Justice and Peace issued a joint resolution that in its first article resolves “to establish the closure of the border movement of persons, both by land, air and sea, as well as the passage of vehicles, from twelve hours and one minute before meridiem (12:01 am) on Friday, July 26, 2024, until eight hours before meridiem (08:00 am) of Monday, July 29, 2024, With the aim of safeguarding the inviolability of borders and preventing activities by persons who could pose a threat to the security of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, the President of the Republic Reason for the Presidential Election of 28 July 2024”.

On the occasion of the presidential elections next Sunday, the Venezuelan authorities have denounced that groups of the extreme right intend to thin out the electoral climate.

“It is intended, with biased reports through social networks, To thin the electoral climate and disrupt in an orchestrated way the image of the #FANB and the impeccable execution of the #PlanRepublic. The #FANB is supported by its mystique, ethics and professionalism. They will not be able!”, denounced on this day the Minister of Defense, Vladimir Padrino.

Also, on the closing day of the campaign of the Great Patriotic Pole on the eve, the Venezuelan president condemned the claims of the extreme right to sabotage the elections and assured that justice will be done if extremist sectors attack against peace and tranquillity of the country.

A week earlier, during his campaign speech in the Falcón state, the president assured that the extreme right has plans to dictate fraud.

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