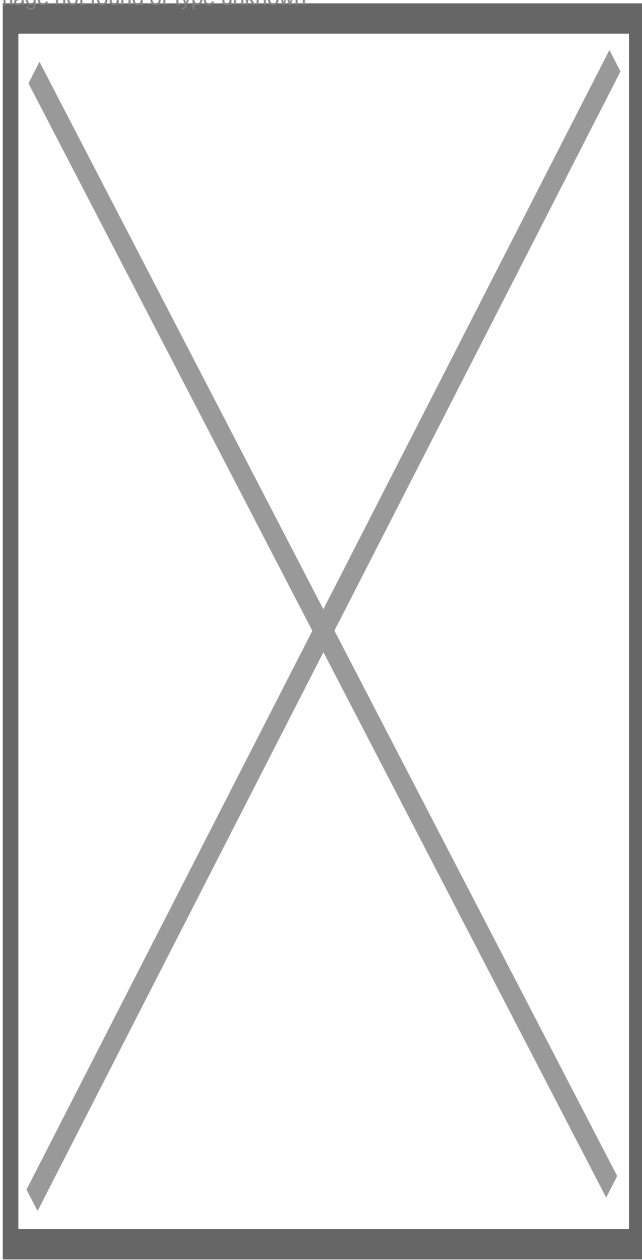


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### **Venezuelan singer José Luis Rodríguez**

Caracas, August 19 (RHC)-- As part of the plan to create a matrix of opinions against President Nicolás Maduro and the government, the Venezuelan opposition has recruited members of the entertainment industry and so-called influencers to start a campaign of discredit and hatred against the Bolivarian revolutionary process.

After the elections of July 28th, this campaign has intensified with aggressive calls that ignore the 25 fatalities that the hatred generated by the extremist right.

After a long silence on political opinions, following their support of Juan Guaidó's fraud, while they inflated their accounts on social networks and banks, they returned to being political agents at the service of the most violent opposition represented by the former candidate Edmundo González and his boss, María Corina Machado.

A clear example of the plan mounted by the right-wing sectors with the full support of the United States are the statements of the Venezuelan singer José Luis Rodríguez, also known as "El Puma" -- who in a video initially targets the opposition and requests a meeting with President Maduro, where he also recognizes some pressure from the opposition wing.

In the first part of the video, the Venezuelan singer said "the vehemence of those in the opposition is so great that they urge you and almost force you to do what you do not want to do against your will. So they use you as always." He adds that he should not express political opinions and limit himself to singing.

In the audiovisual, José Luis Rodríguez even requested a private meeting with the Venezuelan head of state.

But Puma has changed his mind again, and is once again at the service of the same opposition that he earlier discredited. The singer demanded through a video on social networks that the president and several government officials leave the country and calls the leader of the Bolivarian Revolution, Hugo Chávez, a dictator.

This is not the first time that the singer has used his popularity to speak out against President Nicolás Maduro or to participate in events in favor of right-wing sectors. He took part in a concert organized by British tycoon Richard Branson -- for a huge fee -- on the common border between Venezuela and Colombia in February 2019.

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