

Venezuela demands historic reparations from London for exploited Caribbean countries

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President Maduro during his program, “Con Maduro+”, October 14, 2024 Photo: VTV

Caracas, October 15 (RHC)-- The president of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Nicolás Maduro, on his program “Con Maduro+”, expressed his support for the countries of the Caribbean, in its demand that London recognize and pay for the historic reparations due to the peoples and communities who were displaced from Africa, through torture and kidnapping.

The Venezuelan head of state also announced that Venezuela will submit a claim to Spain. "Venezuela will activate a legal claim for Spain to answer for the theft and looting of our lands."

"The people seek justice and recognition for the horrors of the past and represent a joint effort by the Caribbean nations to obtain reparations for the historical crimes committed during slavery," said President Maduro.

So far, a total of 15 Caribbean governments have agreed to ask the UK for billions of pounds as compensation for the slave trade.

A report by the University of the West Indies, published following a symposium by the American Society for International Law, concludes that the United Kingdom must pay \$24 billion (£18.8 billion) in reparations for transatlantic slavery in 14 countries. Of this amount, about \$9.6 billion is for Jamaica, according to the National Commission on African-American Reparations.

In related news, the Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago, Keith Rowley, declared during the celebrations for emancipation from slavery last summer that when nations come together in Samoa "Caribbean leaders will speak very strongly to the Commonwealth as one voice. And there is one country in particular with a new King and a Labour government with an outstanding term."

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