

*Venezuela requests international
arrest warrant against Leopoldo
López for inciting military
intervention*



Leopoldo Lopez, fugitive from Venezuelan justice, now walks the streets of Madrid

Caracas, January 14 (RHC)-- The Venezuelan Public Ministry has announced legal measures against Venezuelan opposition leader Leopoldo López, including a request for a Red Alert before Interpol, after accusing him of promoting foreign military intervention in the country.

During a press conference, Attorney General Tarek William Saab presented audiovisual evidence linking López to recent calls for international intervention made by former Colombian presidents Álvaro Uribe and Iván Duque, among other right-wing figures.

"This Public Ministry has opened an investigation and we have requested an arrest warrant against the fugitive from justice, Leopoldo López," said Saab, who based the legal action on multiple legal bases.

The charges brought include instigation to armed actions against the Republic (Article 12 of the Simon Bolivar Organic Law), treason (Article 128 of the Penal Code), conspiracy (Article 132 of the Penal Code) and criminal association (Article 37 of the Organic Law against Organized Crime).

As central evidence, the attorney general presented a video where Uribe, from Cúcuta, makes an explicit call for an international military intervention. "We ask for an international intervention, preferably endorsed by the United Nations, to remove the tyrants from power," the former Colombian president is heard saying in the recording.

Saab described these statements as part of a "delusional and new action of wanting to bathe our country in blood," establishing a direct connection between Uribe's words and López's participation in promoting these ideas from abroad through social networks.

The Venezuelan prosecution emphasized the legal hierarchy of the actions undertaken, pointing out that the Simon Bolivar Organic Law, under which part of the accusation is based, has a higher rank immediately after the National Constitution.

The Venezuelan authorities have reiterated that the Bolivarian National Armed Forces maintain their rejection of any attempt at foreign intervention, while the judicial system proceeds with the international protocols for the request for capture.

In his speech, the Venezuelan prosecutor referred to the reasons why no country allows military invasions in its territories, and showed images of multiple nations that have been devastated after the "humanitarian" interventions of the United States and other powers, as is the case of Libya.

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