

*Venezuela denounces  
ExxonMobil lobbying to sanction  
Chevron*

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**Earlier this week, Venezuela's Executive Vice President, Delcy Rodríguez, publicly presented a document illustrating ExxonMobil's lobbying of oil licensees in the South American nation.  
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Caracas, March 17 (RHC)-- Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro has asserted that the U.S. oil company ExxonMobil "is lobbying to sanction Chevron," a company that has been operating in Venezuela for over a hundred years and whose license to continue operations in the South American nation was recently revoked by the Trump Administration.

The Minister of the Interior, Justice, and Peace addressed the issue during the radio program "Sin Truco ni Maña," which he co-hosts with Representative Tania Díaz. Diosdado Cabello denounced that ExxonMobil also pays "lobbying for the campaign against Venezuela around the world," while stealing oil resources in undelimited areas around Guayana Esequiba, a territory that has historically belonged to Venezuela.

He explained that the consortium is currently responsible for funding that previously fell to the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), through which it promoted political destabilization and violent acts such as the guarimbas (street riots), with the intention of overthrowing the Bolivarian Government, empowering authorities aligned with imperialism, and seizing control of resources such as oil, gas, gold, strategic minerals, water, and others.

Diosdado Cabello emphasized that ExxonMobil pays for what was previously funded by USAID and the salaries that flowed to political operatives subordinate to the right and imperialism.

Cabello revealed that the aforementioned company "is also paying for the deployment of a mercenary like Erik Prince" (founder of the mercenary company Blackwater), who has been accused in the past of his links to attacks against Venezuela and of openly inciting the assassination of President Nicolás Maduro and other leaders of the Bolivarian Revolution.

This is the same mercenary "who went to Ecuador to set up training camps for mercenaries and terrorists," Cabello added. He emphasized that U.S. authorities know they have a terrorist and mercenary on their territory "and they do nothing," and again rejected the accusations against the Venezuelan migrants whom Washington unfairly accuses of being members of the criminal gang nicknamed "El Tren de Aragua."

A few days ago, Executive Vice President Delcy Rodríguez publicly presented a document illustrating the lobbying carried out by ExxonMobil against oil licensees in Venezuela.

"ExxonMobil paid to have Chevron removed from the country," Delcy Rodríguez charged, asserting that the document was prepared to pressure the Trump Administration to impose more unilateral restrictive measures on Venezuela, destabilize it, and provoke a change of government.

According to the vice president, imperialism would complement this strategy by generating greater internal political pressure and promoting coup attempts, assassination plots, and actions to undermine Venezuela's territorial integrity. Therefore, she held the consortium responsible for any incident that may occur to the Venezuelan authorities.

Rodríguez denounced that in 2017, ExxonMobil "paid the government of Guyana \$18 million to bribe a group of lawyers who would be serving at the ICJ (International Court of Justice) and in the good offices being provided at the UN" regarding Guayana Esequiba, a territory they want to seize from Venezuela.

During that appearance, Delcy explained that Guyana acted in bad faith and brought the territorial dispute over Essequibo to the ICJ, which Venezuela does not recognize, when said dispute should be resolved through the Geneva Agreement.

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