

Venezuelan Government Demobilizes Police Units as Part of 'Police Revolution'



Caracas, November 11 (RHC-EFE) — The Venezuelan government will abolish two police corps and will take over three more in keeping with its review of 141 of the country's police departments, Freddy Bernal, the president of the commission created to implement the so-called "police revolution," announced Monday.

The five municipal police corps will be identified when "the necessary measures" have been taken, measures recommended by the mayors overseeing them, and published in the Official Gazette, Bernal said at a press conference.

Included in the move are police bodies that are not only failing to fulfill their duties, but also ones "that are an obstacle in the fight against crime," said the head of the Presidential Commission for the Police Revolution and Reform created a week ago by President Nicolas Maduro.

Eight other police corps, Bernal added, will be provided with "technical assistance" due to their "low production" rate and will be added to the 21 that have already been put into that category by the Interior Ministry.

"We're going to review all 141 police corps, without exception," Bernal emphasized, noting that President Maduro ordered the move to effect "a thorough police restructuring" beginning with instructing officers how to behave in terms of respecting human rights "because, for the government, this is fundamental."

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