

# *Bolivian President Denounces Neo-liberal Attacks Against Venezuela*

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La Paz, January 27 (RHC-teleSUR) -- In an exclusive interview with teleSUR Monday, Bolivian President Evo Morales spoke of neoliberalism and imperialism's long history across the Americas. Morales denounced the ongoing attacks against Venezuela in light of the international forum currently underway in Caracas and organized by teleSUR and the Venezuelan Ombudsman Office addressing human rights abuses that take place under neoliberal regimes.

The economic war and political destabilization plan against Venezuela is rooted in the last 15 years of opposition attempts to unconstitutionally take over state power. Morales applauded the Venezuelan people for "defeating political conspiracies with maturity."

In addition, Morales spoke of the case of Bolivia and the country's efforts to establish a popular democracy. Morales explained that previously the Andean nation's natural resources were under the thumb of transnational corporations.

"After 20 years, we recuperated our democracy and sovereignty as well as our

economic and political liberation," emphasized Morales. "Now, the politics do not come from outside (of Bolivia), from the United States...The United States does not dictate here, the indigenous do," he said.

Morales added in light of the upcoming summit for the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC), "Now is the time for Latin America and the Caribbean."

The South American president also commended the people of Greece on the recent election of the left wing party SYRIZA in this weekend's parliamentary elections. Evo Morales said: "The people's democratic liberation has begun in Europe, starting with Greece."

Morales also expressed his wishes for greater ties with nations in Africa also in an anti-imperialist struggle.

He also celebrated Bolivia's current efforts to reinvigorate indigenous beliefs in the country's economic and political sectors.

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