

# *Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro Accuses U.S. Intelligence Agents of Promoting Violence in Venezuela*

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Caracas, August 12 (RHC-Xinhua) -- Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro on Tuesday accused two U.S. intelligence agents of promoting violence and looting supermarkets in southeastern Venezuela, acts that left one person dead and more than 60 arrested.

In his weekly TV program, Maduro said he has proof that these two officials "prepared and directed" the attack in the town of San Felix, Bolivar state, on July 31st.

Maduro said that over the past two weeks, the Venezuelan government has carried out military operations in different parts of the country, dismantling "violent paramilitary bands" that have been paid by political groups in Washington.

The United States has denied Maduro's accusations about the alleged "vulture plan" against Caracas, claiming they are "false."

Venezuela and the United States have had tense political relations since the late President Hugo Chavez took office in 1999. Both nations have not exchanged ambassadors since 2010.

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