Venezuela Bans Anti-Government Demonstrations in Caracas

Caracas, March 13 (RHC) -- Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro on Wednesday announced a ban on violent anti-government demonstrations which have roiled the capital Caracas for a month.

Maduro said his government "will put the brakes on" protests organized by the right-wing opposition in the capital because "Caracas is living in peace."

The only solution to the political turmoil that has racked Venezuela since February 12th is for the right-wing "to sit at the table" and negotiate, Maduro said during an interview with Colombia's Radio Blu from his presidential office in Caracas.

The Venezuelan president said: "It would be irresponsible of us to let them march and -- as has been happening, after the bulk of the marchers have left -- have violent groups left behind to burn and smash everything. And afterwards, when the public forces take action, they say it's government repression."

According to Venezuela's Prosecutor General's Office, so far 21 people have died in the month-long unrest, stirred by opposition sectors to destabilize the government of President Nicolás Maduro.

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