

Cuba rejects Donald Trump threats against the island



Havana, April 30 (RHC)-- Cuba's foreign minister has reiterated that Cuba does not have military troops in Venezuela and flatly rejected U.S. president Donald Trump's threat to further reinforce the blockade on the island nation.

In a tweet, Bruno Rodríguez Parrilla said that National Security advisor John Bolton is a pathological liar who misinforms President Trump, and he added: "There are no Cuban troops in Venezuela, Cubans do not participate in military or security operations in Venezuela. Only medical personnel in humanitarian mission."

In an apparent search of a scape goat for the resounding failure of the coup, in a tweet Tuesday afternoon, US president Donald Trump threatened Cuba with a "full and complete" embargo over its support for Constitutional president Nicolas Maduro, in a further escalation of tensions.

"If Cuban troops and militia do not immediately CEASE military and other operations for the purpose of causing death and destruction to the constitution of Venezuela, a full and complete embargo, together with highest-level sanctions, will be placed on the island of Cuba," Trump said in a tweet.

"Hopefully, all Cuban soldiers will promptly and peacefully return to their island," he said.

In a press conference on April 25th in Havana, Foreign Minister Bruno Rodriguez Parrilla Rodríguez recalled that the Monroe Doctrine, which security advisor John Bolton said is "alive and well," is associated with the use of force by the United States to impose its hegemony over the Latin American and Caribbean region.

The island's top diplomat pointed to a classified U.S. diplomatic document, indicating that Washington is instructing its diplomats around the world to spread lies regarding the 'presumed' presence of Cuban soldiers and intelligence agents in Venezuela.

"They are saying that the more than 20 thousand Cuban collaborators --health and education professionals offering their services in Venezuela-- are actually agents, who Washington claim, have even infiltrated Venezuela's oil company PDVSA to secure the supply of Venezuelan oil to the Caribbean state."

"In the face of stepped up aggressions, "Bruno Rodríguez said then, "the Cuban people reaffirm their determination to defend their independence, sovereignty and self-determination. "

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