

# *Venezuelan president holds U.S., Bolton responsible for coup attempt*

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Caracas, May 2 (RHC)-- Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro said that the United States government was responsible for leading the attempted coup on April 30 and demanded an investigation against that nation.

During his May Day speech following a march and rally to commemorate International Workers' Day in Caracas, the leader of the Bolivarian Revolution said the coup conspiracy was defeated because the conscience of the Venezuelan people stood erect before the criminal coup. "We have just defeated another plot from the right," he said.

The president asserted that the Venezuelan opposition, backed by the United States, has never understood that there is a large majority of people and an unbreakable civic-military union willing to defend the country. He also noted that other coups have been attempted since 2002 during the term of President Hugo Chavez and have always been defeated.

"They cannot understand the absolute will to defend this Revolution, our Bolivarian Constitution, our national independence and the right of the people to build their future," said the Venezuelan head of state.



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