

# *Venezuelan foreign minister says Peru-based mercenaries attacked southern border*

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Caracas, December 23 (RHC)-- Venezuelan Foreign Minister Jorge Arreaza stated that the group of mercenaries that attacked a military unit in the southern part of the country on Sunday morning has its base of operations in Peru.

"We denounce the group of mercenaries that have sought to generate violence. They assaulted the military unit in Gran Sabana; they have their base of operations in Peru," Arreaza tweeted.

He said that "the Peruvian authorities are at least complicit by allowing these terrorists to organize with impunity." In another message, Arreaza said that "from Peru they enter through Colombia and also receive support from Brazil."

He explained that it is "a coup strategy of triangulation of governments of the Lima Cartel to produce violence, death and political destabilization in Venezuela. We denounce these governments before the world!"

The Minister for Communications and Information, Jorge Rodríguez, reported earlier that the territorial defense system repelled an attack perpetrated early on Sunday against a military unit in the southern part of the country.

He revealed that “six terrorists (who) are providing information of criminal interest” were captured. The Bolivian National Armed Forces (FANB) asserted that the events are destabilizing attempts of U.S. imperialism with collusion of ultra-right sectors in the country.

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