

# *Cuban foreign minister rejects false accusations of drug trafficking between Cuba and Venezuela*

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Havana, April 8 (RHC)-- Cuban Foreign Minister Bruno Rodríguez has rejected the statement cited by the U.S. magazine Newsweek from a senior Pentagon official about an alleged drug trafficking operation between Cuba and Venezuela.

On his official Twitter account, the foreign minister strongly criticized the new campaign of accusations launched by the government of Washington against Latin American leaders, among them Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro and the Cuban government.

"I reject the alleged claim cited by Newsweek from an unnamed senior Pentagon official that the intelligence community has evidence of drug trafficking between Cuba and Venezuela. It is a total and unfounded slander, with dangerous implications."

Newsweek is a weekly news magazine, published in New York and distributed in the United States. On March 26, the Justice Department in Washington made public alleged narco-terrorism charges against the main figures of the government of Venezuela, and offered a \$15 million reward to those who provide information that allows the arrest and prosecution of the President Nicolas Maduro.

The U.S. government also accused Maduro of plotting a conspiracy with the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) to "flood the United States with drugs."

In this regard, on April 1st, the President of the Republic of Cuba, Miguel Díaz-Canel, described the U.S. government's pretensions towards Latin American nations, especially Venezuela, as interference and colonization.

On his official Twitter account, Díaz-Canel also reiterated that Washington's only attitude towards the countries of Latin America continues to be one of war, threats, lies and aggression against the decision of sovereignty of the peoples.

In the midst of the situation that the world is experiencing in confronting COVID-19, the White House continues its campaign of threats, false accusations, sanctions and blockades against several countries in the world -- including Venezuela and Cuba -- a nation that is currently fighting the coronavirus pandemic with brigades in 15 countries.

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