

# *Venezuela Won't Recognize Kiev Authorities Until Free Elections in Ukraine*

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Caracas, May 12 (RHC-ITAR-TASS) -- Venezuela “does not recognize and will not recognize as legal a government that emerged as a result of a state coup,” the Bolivarian Republic’s Foreign Ministry said in a statement over the weekend.

“In view of a regrettable development of events in Ukraine, the government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela confirms that it rejects violent processes that, with the support of the United States and NATO, led to the overthrow of the government, jeopardizing the peace and unity of the Ukrainian people, as well as the stability of the entire region,” the statement reads.

It adds that “Venezuela will keep warning the world’s nations of the danger of foreign interference, speaking for the creation of a multipolar world that guarantees the peace and sovereignty of all peoples.”

Upon noting that Ukraine is in turmoil ever since the February coup, the Venezuelan foreign ministry stressed that the South American nation won't recognize authorities in Kiev until free elections are held in Ukraine and broad dialogue starts towards national reconciliation and peace.

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