

# *Venezuela denounces at UN the use of pandemics as weapon of extermination*

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United Nations, August 20 (RHC)-- The United States government is using the COVID-19 pandemic as a pretext to escalate its policy of aggression against Venezuela, said the South American country's ambassador to the United Nations, Samuel Moncada.

"(Donald) Trump and his henchmen are using the pandemic as a weapon of extermination along with economic asphyxiation. It's a genocidal experiment that our nation has never faced before and it demands maximum discipline and conscience to save our people," Samuel Moncada wrote on the social network Twitter.

In that sense, he denounced that the Center for Strategic International Studies (CSIS) is using the coronavirus as an excuse for the new military attack. According to reports, "in a first phase, Venezuela would be overwhelmed by contagion and desperate Venezuelans would collapse the health services of Colombia and Brazil," the diplomat said, recalling the role of CSIS as one of Washington's most active propaganda agencies in the campaign for the invasion of the South American country.

In a second stage of the interventionist strategy, the governments of Colombia and Brazil, "desperate due to the pandemic threat in Venezuela, would ask for the intervention of international organizations without obtaining a response," the official warned.

He added that the attacks by neighbors against Venezuela would take place before the U.S. presidential elections, while the aggression is presented as an act of 'self-preservation' or 'legitimate defense' against a supposed Venezuelan threat.

In view of this scenario, Samuel Moncada pointed out that the main condition for carrying out the interventionist plans has yet to be fulfilled, as Venezuela has presented superior results in the confrontation of the pandemic in comparison with its South American neighbors.

"Venezuela's enemies are using the pandemic as a weapon of war," said the Venezuelan representative to the United Nations, who described the national public health plan as a fundamental pillar in the defense of the country.

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