

No impunity for Juan Guaidó in Mexico nor on Mars

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Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro is interviewed by Venezuelan journalist Ernesto Villegas at the Miraflores palace, September 5, 2021. (Photo: AFP)

Caracas, September 5 (RHC)-- Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro has stressed that the dialogues in Mexico will not provide impunity for Juan Guaidó, who will be prosecuted judicially.

"There will be no impunity neither in Mexico nor on Mars. Here there will be no impunity. There has to be justice, severe justice because there is much damage that has been done to the life of the Venezuelan family," said the Venezuelan president during an interview broadcast this Sunday by Venezuelan Television (VTV).

Listing the damages inflicted by Guaidó on Venezuela, Maduro has alluded to sanctions, coup attempts and the "seizure and theft of more than \$8 billion in blocked Venezuelan state bank accounts."

In this regard, he has denounced that the sanctions imposed on Venezuela, at the request of the opposition, have caused several problems for the Venezuelan people, prohibiting economic activity, export and free trade for the country. President Nicolás Maduro has called on the U.S. Congress to investigate the destination of resources granted by Trump to coup leaders in Venezuela.

On March 25, the Venezuelan Attorney General, Tarek William Saab, informed that 25 cases have already been opened in which Guaidó is implicated for crimes of usurpation of functions, corruption, aggravated embezzlement, terrorism, rebellion, trafficking in weapons of war, treason and association to commit crimes. He is also being investigated for fraudulent use of public funds and conspiracy with foreign governments.

Maduro has once again stated his firm stance towards the coup leader, while representatives of the Government and the opposition are involved in dialogues in Mexico, facilitated by Norway, which will be extended until Monday.

The first meeting of both parties took place on August 13, when the Venezuelan government and opposition delegations signed a memorandum of understanding. It is worth mentioning that the aforementioned memorandum consists of seven points, among which are: political rights, electoral guarantees and electoral schedule; lifting of sanctions, respect for the rule of law, political and social coexistence, protection of the social economy and guarantees of implementation and follow-up.

In this sense, Maduro has insisted, in his statements this Sunday, that the main demand of his government at the dialogue table with the opposition is to lift or relax the sanctions against the South American country.

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