

# *Venezuelan president confirms capture of group trained in Colombia*

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Caracas, February 11 (RHC)-- Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro confirmed Thursday that a group of criminals captured in Tejerías, Aragua state (central-north), were trained and financed in Colombia.

"An important group of criminals has been captured in Tejerías, financed and trained by Colombian paramilitaries," said the president. He also explained that those captured are testifying before the authorities about the Colombian cities where they were and the training they received, with the support of the Colombian government led by Iván Duque.

According to the head of state, the individuals have also described how they were preparing a paramilitary base to attack the city of Caracas (capital) "under an order from the narco-paramilitary Iván Duque."

The Executive also expressed his congratulations to the Bolivarian National Police, the Scientific, Criminal and Criminalistic Investigations Corps (Cicpc), the Bolivarian National Guard (GNB), "and all the officers for the successful combat against paramilitarism and crime they are carrying out."

On the other hand, the Venezuelan President rejected the existence of a Latin American left that intends to question "the revolutionary model, the independent and sovereign path we have taken". In this regard, he demanded respect for the Bolivarian project of the population and ratified the commitment to defend the country.

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