

# *Venezuelan Ambassador to the UN calls Marco Rubio an extortionist*

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**A composite photo / Marco Rubio (l) and Samuel Moncada (r)**

United Nations, June 22 (RHC)-- The Permanent Representative of Venezuela to the United Nations, Samuel Moncada, called U.S. Senator Marco Rubio an extortionist, after the Republican lawmaker demanded that President Joe Biden cut funds to the United Nations.

Rubio's petition to Biden was disclosed earlier this week, after the UN proposed that Samuel Moncada serve as one of the vice presidents of the General Assembly beginning next month, representing Latin America and the Caribbean.

"Rubio failed with his (Juan) Guaidó puppet when he wanted to invade Venezuela. Now frustrated by our victory, he wants to sanction everyone," said the Bolivarian diplomat on his X social network account.

"Desperation is a bad advisor," he asserted, and expressed that in "the criminal mind" of the American legislator, the Venezuelan and Palestinian people have no rights and can be crushed by the United States and Israel. The Venezuelan diplomat said that that is why he extorts the UN, "to silence us all" and assured that "with Venezuela he couldn't and with Palestine he won't be able to."

In a press release dated June 20, the right-wing senator says that Biden must ensure that "American taxpayer money does not support the interests of criminal regimes at the United Nations."

Rubio said that once again, the United Nations has sabotaged "its credibility as the organization continues to grant powers to terrorists and authoritarian regimes." The appointment of Samuel Moncada as one of the vice presidents of the UN General Assembly "is a clear example of the UN's contempt for democratic values ??and human rights," he noted.

Marco Rubio also expressed concern that the world body "has adopted resolutions that not only condemn Israel's right to defend itself, but reward Hamas by encouraging recognition of a 'Palestinian state.' The reactionary U.S. senator claimed that this attitude "not only undermines Israel's security, but also encourages terrorist groups" to continue causing violence and instability.

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