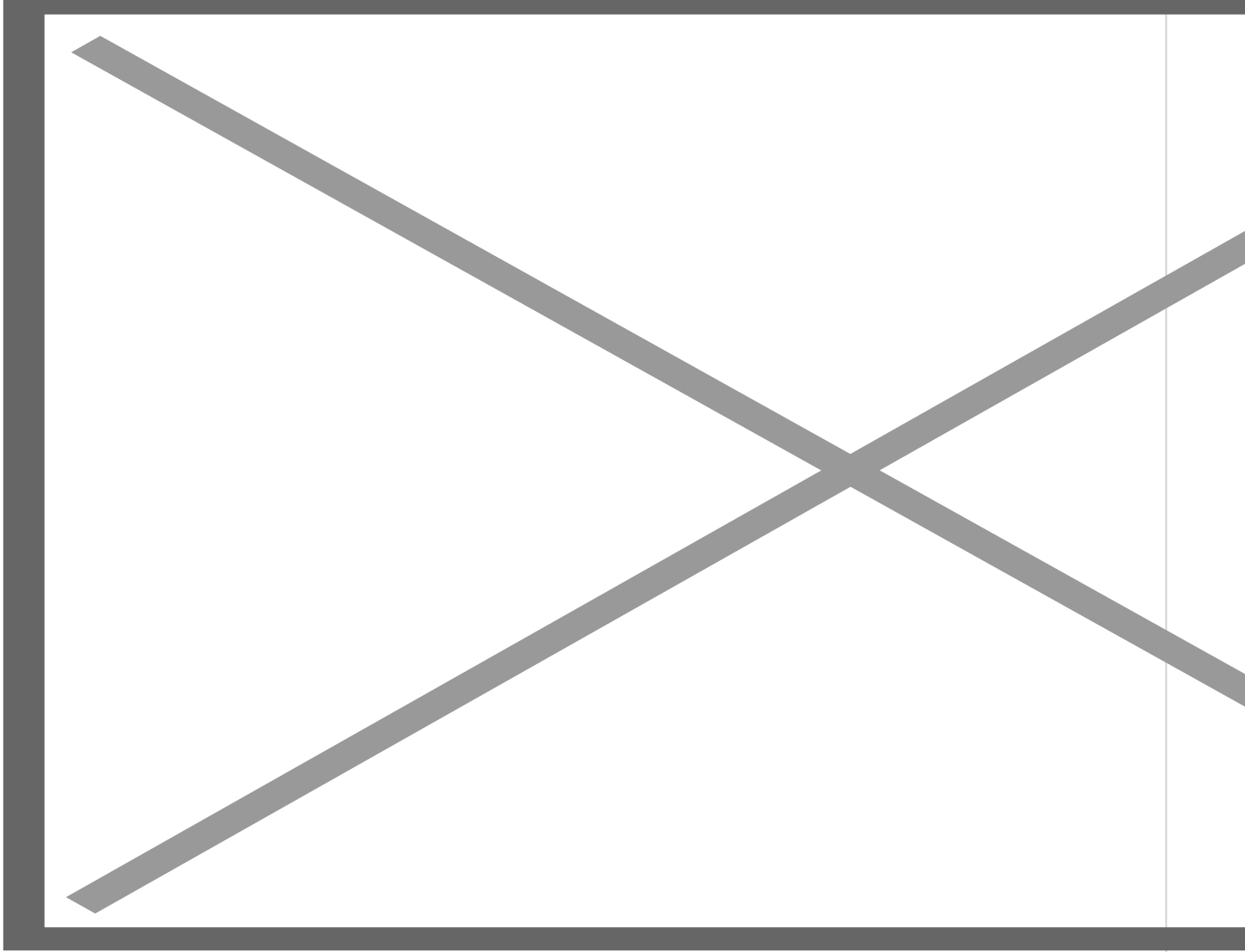


Venezuela condemns former Colombian President Álvaro Uribe's military intervention claims

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Caracas, January 14 (RHC)-- The Venezuelan Government condemned on Monday the call made by former Colombian President Álvaro Uribe for a military intervention in Venezuela, whose objective is to threaten the peace and stability of the Bolivarian nation.

Through a message on their Telegram accounts, the Executive Vice President, Delcy Rodríguez, and the Foreign Minister, Yván Gil, denounced that "the Uribe narco-paramilitarism that has plunged our sister Colombia into unprecedented violence and disturbed the political system due to narcotic relations, intends to threaten the peace and tranquility of Venezuela."

In this sense, they affirmed that the Venezuelan people have expressed their rejection of the interests of the former president "and his local allies of extremist fascism led by a deranged and stateless puppet."

"Venezuela in national unity will never allow such criminals to appropriate the popular will or occupy the political spaces that should be at the service of democracy, peace and development," the message states.

For his part, General-in-Chief Vladimir Padrino, on behalf of the Bolivarian National Armed Forces (FANB), also rejected Álvaro Uribe's statements.

"The Bolivarian National Armed Forces, in strict adherence to its constitutionally assigned functions of guaranteeing the independence and sovereignty of the Nation and ensuring the integrity of the geographic space, expresses its firmest and most categorical rejection of the perfidious statements of Álvaro Uribe Vélez, in which the cowardly character, an ally of Colombian narco-paramilitarism, has dared to request an "international military intervention" to overthrow the legitimate government of citizen Nicolás Maduro Moros," the statement states.

The text underlines that the promotion of war in Latin America, a region that has been declared a Zone of Peace, "is an act of aberrant insanity that can only occur to an evil mind, lacking ethical-moral principles."

In this regard, he warns that in the face of this new display of interventionism, Venezuelans will remain faithful to the tradition and pacifist vocation; but they will not hesitate "to confront, combat and neutralize any threat or armed body, whatever its size or nature and wherever it comes from, in order to preserve, by all possible means, the peace and integrity of this sacred soil."

Last Saturday, the former Colombian president called for an international military intervention against Venezuela and President Nicolás Maduro, in a sit-in held in the city of Cúcuta, bordering Venezuela, in favor of the former far-right candidate Edmundo González and María Corina Machado.

The event has generated rejection not only in Venezuela, but in the Colombian government itself. The president of that country, Gustavo Petro, described the proposal as irresponsible, for urging the youth of both nations to confront each other.

Petro said that Colombia should commit to dialogue, and accused the right of inciting the fuelling of internal tensions.

The Colombia Chapter of the Antifascist International also spoke out against Uribe's proposal, as his comments ignore the fundamental principles of International Law.



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