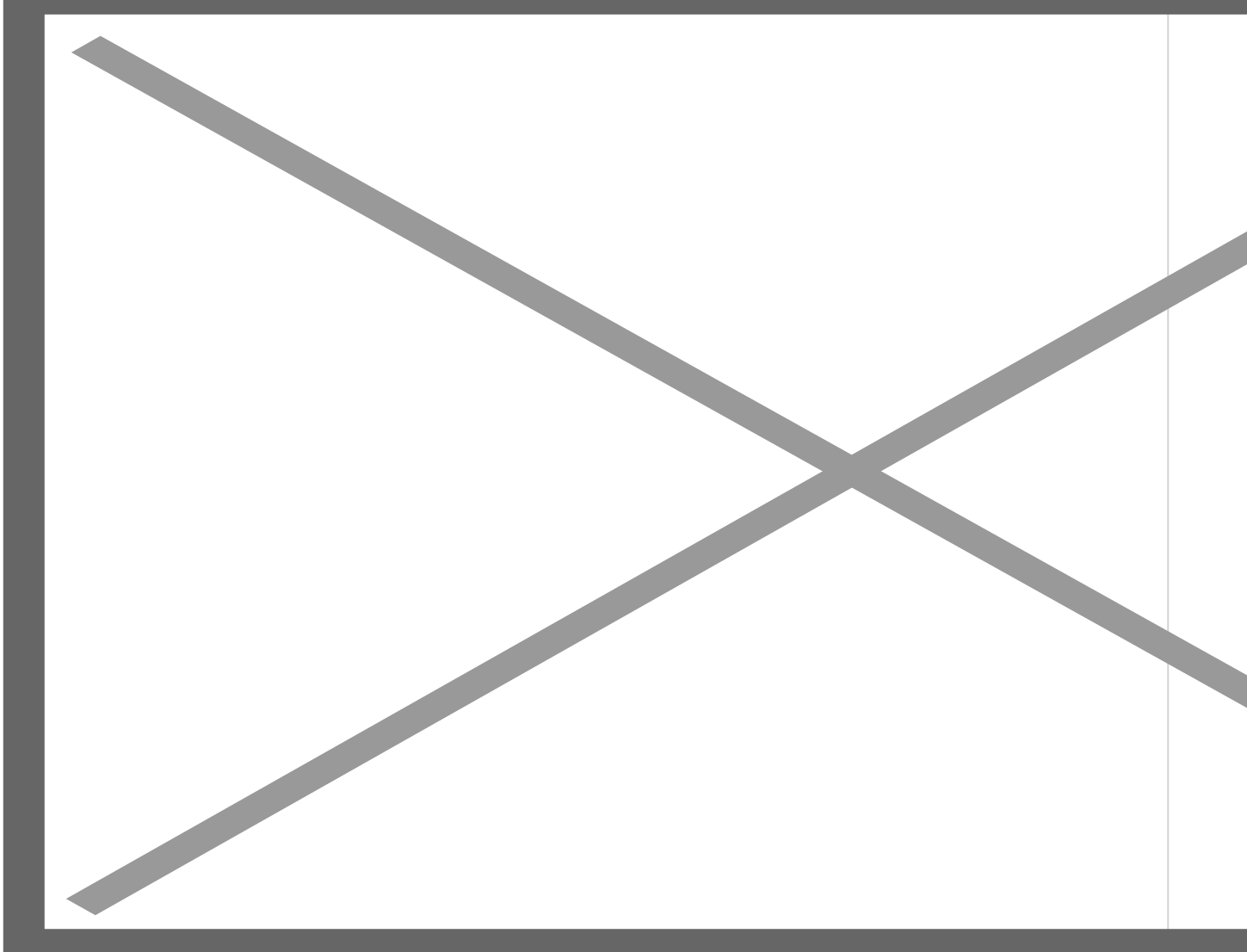


Venezuelan president says U.S. sanctions against Chevron damaged communication channel and return of migrants

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Caracas, March 9 (RHC)-- Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro has denounced that the U.S. administration, headed by Donald Trump, broke the communications that had been opened by revoking the license to the oil company Chevron to continue operations in the South American nation.

During a commemorative event for International Women's Day, held this Saturday in Caracas, the Venezuelan head of state said that by making that decision, without any explanation, the Trump Administration shot itself in the foot and sanctioned an American company.

Maduro called to defend peace and prevent harm to Venezuela. "Here peace, work, and national unity will triumph above all else."

He explained that he was interested in communications with the Trump Administration "because I wanted to bring all the Venezuelans who are imprisoned and persecuted there unjustly just for being migrants. Being migrants is not a crime (...), their human rights must be respected," he stressed.

He added that the decision also affected the trips scheduled for the return of compatriots from the United States, which were carried out through the Return to the Homeland Plan.

"If it were up to us, I'll say it more clearly, if it were up to me as president, if it were up to the high political-military command of the Bolivarian Revolution and if it were up to our people, that Chevron company would continue working in Venezuela for 100 more years. We have no problems," he said.

He questioned the fact that sectors of the extreme right are spreading the idea that Venezuela is anti-American. He made it clear that the Venezuelan revolutionaries are anti-imperialist and anti-colonialist, pro-independence and Bolivarian, but not anti-American.

He emphasized that the Venezuelan people do not recognize masters. "We do not want to be colonies, nor do we want to be slaves of anyone, neither today nor ever." He added that anyone who wants to work in Venezuela within the framework of respect for its Constitution and its laws, and with mutually beneficial agreements, will be welcome.

"It is regrettable that they are carried away in the North by hatred, by revenge and by the desire to harm Venezuela (...) But I say to those who want to harm Venezuela, to the criminal fascist La Sayona or to those who hear it in the North: 'You are broke. Nobody is harming Venezuela. We are moving forward and the people today are more united than ever,' she stressed.

The Venezuelan president also denounced that the U.S. authorities covered up the evidence of the accusations of corruption made by Caracas against representatives of the far right such as Juan Guaidó, María Corina Machado, Leopoldo López and Julio Borges, among others who are accused of stealing Venezuelan assets and U.S. funds that supposedly should have been used for humanitarian assistance.

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