

Venezuelan President Condemns New U.S. Conspiracy Against His Country



Caracas, February 7 (RHC-Xinhua) -- Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro has rejected a new conspiracy by the U.S. government to use the Inter-American Democratic Charter (IDC) of the Organization of American States (OAS) to justify foreign intervention in his country.

In a televised broadcast over the weekend, Maduro urged U.S. President Barack Obama to change this attitude against his administration and demanded respect for Venezuela's sovereignty.

Maduro explained that the report publicly presented on Saturday by Obama indicated that Washington would support "citizens of countries where the full exercise of democracy is at risk, as in Venezuela."

"I make an urgent call to the governments of Latin America to support Venezuela and reject the new conspiracy organized by the United States against our democracy," said Maduro, who pointed out that the IDC is an instrument adopted in 2001 by a majority of right-wing OAS leaders to support an intervention in Caracas.

He added that in the next few days, he will send a letter to the U.S. president expressing his government's position and addressing "disturbing statements" made recently by Obama. He urged the Venezuelan people to "continue overcoming conspiracies" and warned the local opposition that his government won't allow any form of violence in the South American nation.

The Council of Foreign Ministers of the Union of South American Nations (UNASUR) met Monday to discuss Washington's fresh destabilization attempts and sanctions on Venezuelan officials.

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