

'Almost All' Opposition Leaders Knew About Venezuelan Coup Plot



Caracas, February 16 (RHC-teleSUR)-- Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro has revealed new information on the foiled coup attempt against his government, including accusations that the country's opposition leaders were aware of the plans.

"I'm not saying all of them were actively involved. But it was a rumor circulating amongst them, that something was about to happen," Maduro explained. He also said that those detained have confessed to the plot and have provided new information which authorities are investigating.

During a televised address Saturday night, Maduro called on U.S. President Barack Obama to stop his officials from meddling in Venezuelan affairs.

According to Venezuelan intelligence and testimonies, the coup was set to have taken place on February 12th, one day after opposition leaders Leopoldo Lopez, Maria Corina Machada and Antonio Ledezma published a "Transition" program which outlined measures including the privatization of oil, deregulation of the economy and agreements with International Monetary Fund..

The plan included targeted assassinations and bombing a series of targets -- including teleSUR's TV studios in Caracas -- while opposition activists staged violent protests in the streets to mark one year since the start of opposition-led protests that claimed 43 lives.

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