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TOPIC OF THE WEEK



Venezuela faces US blockade of mass vaccination plan

The Venezuelan government is sparing no effort to stop the attacks by the United States and its allies, which seek to disrupt the mass vaccination process against Covid-19 that is being carried out in the country.

The goal is to immunize 70% of the population between September and October, explained the President of the Republic, Nicolás Maduro, during an event for the 7th anniversary of the Socialist Mission's Base (Bases de Misiones Socialistas).

The President highlighted the collaboration of allied countries such as Russia and China, while ratifying the complaint for the blocking of 10 million dollars of the total payment for 110 million dollars transferred to COVAX, a mechanism for accessing vaccines against Covid-19 arranged by the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO).

"I demand from Venezuela to the president of the United States, Joe Biden, the immediate release of the Venezuela's money for the vaccines of the COVAX system," said the head of state, who just a few days ago pointed out that our country is the target of persecution by Washington to prevent vaccination of the population.

Despite the illegal withholding of funds, COVAX announced, in the same communication in which it reported the blocking of the last four transactions, that the procedures to deliver Johnson & Johnson and Novavax vaccines to the country are still underway, options confirmed by Venezuela. "We hope to present the first assignment to you in the next few weeks," the text says.

Key support

Despite the siege, on June 12, 500,000 new doses of the Russian Sputnik V vaccine arrived in Maiquetía Airport, in addition to the 4.5 million previously received from Beijing and Moscow.

In the country, 27 vaccination points were initially enabled at the end of May, which will be expanded to 77 active spaces.

The International Red Cross and the Red Crescent Movement will also provide technical and logistical support for the mass vaccination in 13 points nationwide, the Minister for Health, Carlos Alvarado, reported this week after a meeting with representatives of these organizations.

Since the second phase of mass vaccination be-

Example in containment of the pandemic

The actions taken by Venezuela against Covid-19 place the country as one of those that best controls the virus. According to data from the Johns Hopkins Institute, as of June 15, Venezuela ranks 62nd out of 179 listed in the table with the lowest number of deaths per hundred thousand inhabitants, while in the region it is the fourth with the least number of deaths: 9.98 per 100 thousand / inhabitant.

Among the first three places in Latin America and the Caribbean with the least deaths are Nicaragua, 37th in the world with 2.87 deaths per 100 thousand / inhabitant, and Cuba at 61st, with 9.69. In contrast, among the countries with the worst records in the region are: Peru, which is also the one with the highest number of deaths per 100 thousand / inhabitant in the world (position 179, with 580.45 deaths); Brazil (170 °, with 61.54), and Colombia (161 °, with 191.43).

gan, people are invited through an automated system that takes into account the age and health conditions of each person.

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DIPLOMACY

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Solidarity with Nicaragua in the face of interventionism

Venezuela reaffirmed its solidarity with Nicaragua, after the administration of Joe Biden imposed Unilateral Coercive Measures (U.C.M.) against four officials of the Central American country, whose government denounced interventionist plans. "This new expression of imperialist arrogance" intends "to prevent the Nicaraguan State from making sovereign decisions to guarantee the peace and stability of that brotherly country," the Venezuelan People's Power Ministry for Foreign Relations referred in a communiqué. The Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America (Alba-TCP) also issued a communiqué in

support of Nicaragua in the face of the new UCM imposed by the U.S. "The Alliance condemns this type of actions that violate the fundamental principles of the United Nations Charter and reiterates that these unilateral coercive measures evidence the interventionist character of a State that violates the provisions of public international law and international human rights law." Alba-TCP called on the International Community to reject these "intimidations and to defend the sovereignty, self-determination and political independence of States."

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Systematic aggression against the right to food

The Venezuelan people are facing a systematic aggression, through Unilateral Coercive Measures, which seeks to compromise access to food and undermine the recognized achievements of the country in the area of food security. "These measures have generated the fall in food imports by 83.7%, preventing the international procurement of raw materials, finished products and inputs for agricultural production," said the Minister for Food, Carlos Leal Tellería, at the 42nd

session of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). He requested the mediation of the FAO so that the economic blockade, which has implied sanctions for food supplying companies, ceases and reiterated the commitment to the defense of food as a Human Right. In this regard, he highlighted policies such as the Local Supply and Production Committees (CLAP), which serve 74% of the families in Venezuela. He also thanked the World Food Program for its cooperation.



VENEZUELA IN IMAGES

Murals for Carabobo's deed

Simon Bolivar's face, the print of the heroins of the homeland or the Liberating Army in combat against the Spanish Royalists. Dozens of images about liberty and independence are recreated in the main cities of Venezuela with the Bicentennial Mural Contest

which awarded the creativity of communities, artists, students and popular organizations in each federal entity to celebrate from within the nation, the 200 years of the Battle of Carabobo.

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NEWS BRIEF



Brotherhood and Cooperation

During a working visit to Qatar, the Executive Vice President, Delcy Rodríguez, evaluated issues of common interest with Emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani, to whom she conveyed greetings from President Nicolás Maduro and the entire Venezuelan people. "We continue to promote brotherhood and cooperation relations between both nations!" She said.

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Agreement in favor of children

The Government of Venezuela and the International Committee of the Red Cross signed a framework agreement for the reunification of Venezuelan children and adolescents who are abroad with relatives or representatives in the country. The Minister of Foreign Affairs, Jorge Arreaza, thanked the Red Cross for its willingness to help in the most sensitive areas.

A Victory for the Freedom of South America

The triumph of the Carabobo Campaign, in 1821, is interconnected with historical events such as the birth of the Republic of Bolivia, in 1825, as part of a geostrategic process conceived by Simón Bolívar to create a powerful power bloc, said the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Jorge Arreaza, in the forum "Bicentennial of the Battle of Carabobo. From Carabobo 2021 to Chuquisaca 2025". He stressed that the South American people are called upon to continue pushing the regional unity dreamed of by Bolívar, "a historical responsibility in the multi-polar world that is beginning to emerge."

Cuba-Venezuela Cooperation

Authorities from Venezuela and Cuba are evaluating the progress of the Comprehensive Cooperation Agreement between the two nations, signed in 2000. The work sessions are taking place in Caracas, with the participation of Ricardo Cabrisas, the Cuban Deputy Prime Minister.



HUMANITY ON THE MOVE



Return to the Homeland is a door to family reunion

Four years ago Raiberth Drago left his home in Yaracuy state, in the western center of Venezuela, to Peru, one of the destinations chosen in recent years by Venezuelan migrants, who have left due to the economic effects of the blockade against the country. On June 11th, he returned with 257 Venezuelans on a flight organized by the Return to the Homeland Plan (Plan Vuelta a la Patria).

"I feel very excited and happy to have come to Venezuela to reconnect with my family. You feel a great satisfaction to know that you are back in your land", said the young man.

Raiberth coincided on the same flight with Eloísa Hidrogo, who will be reunited with her daughter, who suffers from cancer.

Like theirs, there are countless stories behind Return to the Homeland, an unprecedented program to fa-

cilitate return migration started in 2018 at the initiative of the President of the Republic, Nicolás Maduro. So far, 25,196 Venezuelans have returned from countries such as Brazil, Colombia, Peru, Ecuador and Chile. Among the main causes of return are labor exploitation, xenophobic attacks and little medical attention.

As of May 20th, the plan had carried out more than 142 family reunification flights, the Vice Minister for Latin America, Rander Peña, reported on that occasion.

"In the embassies where Venezuelans go, they have been attended to without any distinction of political ideology, and all arrangements are made," said Peña. He added that the Great Social Missions system serves fellow citizens who arrive in a vulnerable situation.

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CAPSULES OF IDEAS

"Let us think of the indestructible unity of our entire continent, let us think of everything that binds us and unites us and not of what divides us; let us think of all our equal qualities; let us think of our equally distorted economy, each people equally shackled by the same imperialism; let us think that we are part of an army that fights for their liberation, in every part of the world where it has not yet been achieved".

Ernesto Che Guevara. Act at the Argentine embassy in Havana, May 25th, 1962.

UNBLOCK

Experts analyse illegal and hostile character of the UCM (part II)

Researchers agree that the US Unilateral Coercive Measures (UCM) against Venezuela are part of a broad scheme that violates fundamental rights of the population.

Of 30 countries under sanctions, Venezuela is the second with sanctioned aircrafts, the third with sanctioned ships and the sixth with sanctioned people, explained the Vice President of the Republic, Delcy Rodríguez, who warned about the intensification of the siege with actions such as the blockade of 10 million dollars for the payment of vaccines against Covid-19 to the UN Covax mechanism.

At the conference for "Unilateral Coercive Measures: Disrespect for International Law and Serious Human Consequences," she called on the countries that are victims of these practices to raise their voices in settings such as the United Nations (UN). "It is an absolutely global violation of International Law."

For his part, the American economist Mark Weisbrot compared the damage of the UCMs with the devastation of a conflict war: "I have never seen anything like this before, anywhere else in the world; even this resembles some war scenarios."

Carlos Correa, Director of the South Centre of Geneva, agreed with him and discussed the effects on the public health network. "UCMs affect a third of the world's population; and it is not solved with humanitarian aid."

The Syrian Ambassador to the UN-Geneva, Hussam Eddin Ala, condemned the double standards of the countries that apply the UCMs and say that they are "safeguarding" Human Rights.

Meanwhile, the Director of the Centre for Sustainable Development at Columbia University, Jeffrey Sachs, concluded that the UCMs are highly destructive "and are not effective in terms of foreign policy."

For the professor of International Criminal Law, William Schabas, the UCMs are the competence of the jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court (ICC), which Venezuela attended in February 2020.

If the ICC Prosecutor's Office accepts Venezuela's action, several countries will be "enthusiastic about the court to the extent that it can demonstrate that it can impartially administer justice, independently and without double standards."



HEROIC ROOTS



The people as an army, sealed their liberty in Carabobo

The heroism of the Battle of Carabobo was not only from those who lead the Liberating army. It also includes the mestizos, mongrels, afro descendants and the indigenous peoples which shaped that patriot force, and saw in independence the path towards their liberty.

When they saw in Simón Bolívar's project the possibility to be free, fighters from different casts, indigenous and Africans integrated the deed, such as Pedro Camejo or Negro Primero, who abandoned the Spanish Royalists to unite with the Apure Braves Battalion.

Women like Concepción Mariño also united, and they played a key role in the mobilization of weapons for June 24, 1821; as well as the women combatants dressed as soldiers which fought for independence in Carabobo's deed.

The glory of the Liberating Army transcended time by abolishing the concept of militia of castes. It is this feeling of commonality which today characterizes the National Bolivarian Armed Forces.

"Everyday we have the challenge to continue undefeated in Carabobo (...) we cannot allow the doors of independence to be shut again! It was very difficult to open them again! It was very difficult to open them almost 200 years ago, when Bolivar arrived to Carabobo with the united army, that is, the people became the army," Commander Hugo Chávez affirmed at the 191st anniversary of the battle.

On that year 2012, the Commander of the Army warned: "Carabobo is still standing, yesterday it was the Spanish Empire and today it is the North American Empire and its affiliates, big transnational corporations that try to destroy us with manipulation, blackmail and weapons." This is why Chávez insisted: "Carabobo must keep on being the undefeated battle for life."

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BEATS OF OUR PEOPLE

CONGRESO
BICENTENARIO
DE LOS PUEBLOS
DEL MUNDO



LA UNIÓN DE TODAS Y TODOS POR LA REVOLUCIÓN

The Bicentennial celebration is a popular festival open to the world

Debates, academic meetings and cultural activities are at the centre of the agenda of the People's Power for the 200 years of the commemoration of the Battle of Carabobo, which features among its top events, the international meeting of the Bicentennial Congress of the Peoples of the World.

For the meeting, 72 previous activities have been carried out, preparatory to the event that will take place from June 21 to 24 and that will bring together spokespersons of national and international social movements, in Venezuela and also via telematics, to analyse the great global challenges, study the impact of prevailing domination schemes and design a common strategy to confront them.

It is an opportunity to combat "the capitalist debauchery against our peoples, share experiences, articulate a common strategy and think about a

better world," inspired by Simón Bolívar and the feat of the Battle of Carabobo, said the President of the Republic, Nicolás Maduro, in a virtual meeting with international delegates, at the end of March, in which more than 2,000 delegates from around the world were connected.

The celebration also promotes the encounter with the historical roots of independence, with activities such as the Carabobo XXI International Forum, from June 16 to 18, to understand the battle from various angles.

The Great Carabobo 200 Festival is also promoted with various artistic expressions, and the relay of the Bicentennial Torch is maintained, which began on April 19 and will culminate in Campo de Carabobo on June 24.

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UNCOVERING FAKE NEWS

Mass Media as a weapon for war

To deceive and distract the enemy is common practice in war: Sun Tzu and Maquiavelo have said it. And when the objective is the public opinion, the mass media are used to misinform and lie in order to justify hostile actions against entire nations.

The big struggles for liberty and sovereignty such as the French Revolution or Venezuela's fight for independence as well as its current battles, are also fought in the media battlefield. There, the manipulation of information is a powerful war weapon.

"They have dominated us more by deceit than by force" Simón Bolívar stated in the Angostura Discourse, in 1819.

The media domain is an integral part of imperial strategies. In the last two decades, the first of the twenty first century, powerful manoeuvres have

been registered to conduct invasions or coups: accusing a country for possession of weapons of mass destruction as they did with Iraq; labelling a government as a dictatorship, as in the case of Siria and Nicaragua; or make up an electoral fraud like the one in Bolivia in 2019.

In the case of Venezuela, false arrays have accompanied each aggression including the economic blockade imposed since 2014. Nothing new: since the electoral victory of Commander Hugo Chávez in 1999, lies have been spread as part of media war to denigrate the Bolivarian Revolution, its leaders and the whole country.

"The dictatorship of the media, we have to fight against it to," Commander Chávez warned us. President Nicolás Maduro has also expressed it: "Venezuela has to win the battle for the truth, for information."