



The Threat of War in Venezuela

In the name of the Committee of International Solidarity and Struggle for Peace (COSI-Venezuela), we wish to alert the democratic, progressive, and peace loving forces of the world to the most recent political events in Venezuela, which have peaked with the self-proclamation by Deputy of the National Assembly Juan Guaidó as Interim President of Venezuela. Today, Guaidó fills the role of the executing puppet of the policies of the USA and the EU.

We must, firstly, point out that the current political situation in the country is an expression of the deep contradictions between the interests which look to rebuild the makeup of imperialist domination in our region versus the interests of the nation. As such, all of the actions which have come to be in the previous few days have as their principal objective the creation of a coup d'état in the country, destroying the social gains achieved by our people during the past 20 years and handing over our national sovereignty and resources to North American and European imperialism.

Last January 23, in an opposition rally, the above mentioned National Assembly (AN) Deputy self-proclaimed himself President of the Republic. Instantly, the US government declared the illegality of President Nicolás Maduro, who was elected by a direct, secret, and universal vote on May 20 2018, and recognised Juan Guaidó as President. Successively, a series of servile governments who follow the interests of North American imperialism did alike.

Self-proclamation is not a figure which exists in our Constitution or in any internal legislation of the country. Deputy Guaidó is the president of the AN, which by decision of the Supreme Court is currently in a state of contempt and as such barred since July 28 2016. As such, all of its decisions are null.

In this way, and setting a negative precedent, the aggressions against Venezuela have intensified in recent days, and North American imperialism has openly declared that all of the options against Venezuela are on the table. Threats of war against our country have been frequent, and we denounce and alert the world to the different manouvers which the US and EU are using to create favourable conditions which may make a military intervention possible.

Today, we confront a new coup d'état in Venezuela which, like that of 2002, is promoted, financed, and advised by the USA. This country has put itself at the front of plans and has added in different countries from the EU who have accompanied them. Their objectives are to take over the largest oil reserves in the world and launch a strong blow against the collectivity of the peoples, who continue to raise the banners of anti-imperialism today.





Today, all of the peace loving forces in the world have historically called for the defence of sovereignty, independence, self-determination and non-interference in the affairs of other countries as the only way to guarantee a world based on peace and cooperation, in plain accordance with the treaties of the UN.

When confronted by the real possibilities of a military aggression against our country, from the COSI we call on the highest levels of mobilisation of the patriotic and anti-imperialist forces as well as thanking all shows of solidarity which have arrived. We also express that the only guarantee of the victory of peace is popular unity and international solidarity.

We salute the stoic resistance of our people against imperialist aggression and we will continue to march alongside the popular forces in defence of peace, sovereignty, and independence.

Enough of the Imperialist aggression against Venezuela!

No to war in Venezuela!

We must defend peace

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