

# *World extends solidarity to Venezuela after attack against President Nicolas Maduro*

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Caracas, August 6 (RHC)-- Messages and statements of support and solidarity from world leaders, governments and intellectuals continue pouring in as they condemned Saturday's assassination attempt against Venezuela's President Nicolas Maduro.

The attack against President Maduro took place at the 81st anniversary of the Bolivarian National Guard, in which two drones carrying explosives were detonated near the presidential platform, injuring seven military personnel.

Ecuador and Uruguay are the latest countries to issue strong statements condemning the attack against President Maduro and rejecting such attempts by violent and terrorist groups to destabilize the country.

"The Republic of Ecuador expresses its firm rejection of the violent acts that took place on August 4 in Caracas, during the commemoration ceremonies of the 81st anniversary of the Bolivarian National Guard, which caused several injuries and endangered the President of Venezuela, Nicolás Maduro, his companions and others attending the official ceremony," read a statement by Ecuador's foreign ministry.

Meanwhile, Uruguay's government said it "expresses its solidarity with the victims and their families" and "reiterates its absolute rejection of any illegal act of violence against politicians, regardless of their authors or recipients."

In the early hours of Sunday, the Turkish government issued a statement condemning the attempt on President Maduro's life. "We are deeply saddened by the attack which was apparently aimed at President Maduro himself," said a statement issued by Turkey's foreign ministry.

"We strongly condemn this heinous attack. It is the greatest consolation that President Maduro and his relatives survived the incident unharmed. We wish a speedy recovery to the 7 soldiers reported to have been wounded in the explosions." The statement went on to say that "Turkey stands with the brotherly and friendly Venezuelan people and President Maduro, his family and all government officials."

Also, the Russian and Spanish governments expressed Sunday their support to President Maduro, his government and the people of Venezuela and called for peace. The Russian Foreign Ministry considered "categorically unacceptable the use of terrorist methods as instruments of political struggle."

"It is obvious that such actions are intended to destabilize the situation in the country after the recent congress of the United Socialist Party of Venezuela, which defined the priority measures for the recovery of the national economy."

The Spanish government has underlined its "firm condemnation of the use of any type of violence for political purposes" and has expressed its desire for "prompt recovery" to the wounded.

Those statements were also echoed by the government of Dominica who condemned "with no reservation the attempted assassination of the His Excellency Nicolas Maduro, the President of The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela. All law-abiding global citizens should stand in condemnation of the calculated and cowardly act against the Venezuelan people. As Prime Minister of Dominica, I stand in solidarity with the President and the people of Venezuela.

Bolivia's President Evo Morales was among the first to publicly denounce the attack. Posting on his Twitter account, Evo Morales wrote: "After the failure in their attempt to overthrow him democratically, economically, politically and militarily, now the empire and its servants threaten his life."

He was quickly followed by the leaders of various political and social organizations across the continent, from Alternative Revolutionary Force for the Commons (FARC) leader Rodrigo Londoño in Colombia to Argentinean sociologist Atilio Boron.

Nicaragua's President Daniel Ortega condemned the bombing, writing in a statement: "With a heart full of indignation, with the sacred fire of our revolutionary brotherhood, our strong condemnation of those cowardly terrorists."

Noted Mexican philosopher Fernando Buen Abad also took to Twitter to voice his condemnation: "This episode does nothing but unite us more than ever. Receive my usual fraternal embrace, Chávez Lives."

In El Salvador, the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMLN) offered its support to Venezuela: "Our solidarity with the victims and their families. Long Live Venezuela!"

Cuba's President Miguel Diaz Canel and Raul Castro, First Secretary of the Communist Party of Cuba, expressed their full solidarity with Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro.

The Union of South American Nations (UNASUR) also denounced the assassination attempt against the Venezuelan president.

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