

# *CARICOM Foreign Ministers Meet in Barbados*

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Bridgetown, May 18 (RHC)-- Foreign ministers from the member states of CARICOM, the Caribbean Community, are meeting Thursday in Barbados for a special meeting. The discussion will primarily center around the situation in Venezuela and the campaign that has emerged in the Organization of American States (OAS) to intervene in the domestic affairs of Venezuela by attacking President Nicolas Maduro and his United Socialist Party (PSUV).

Prior to the meeting in Bridgetown, the capital of Barbados, Prime Minister Ralph Gonsalves of St Vincent and the Grenadines publicly expressed his concern about the manner in which a small group of powerful OAS member states are using that organization and its compliant secretary general, Luis Almagro, to target and subvert President Maduro.

Almagro is a former foreign affairs minister of Uruguay, and it has been reported that some 20 per cent of his postings on Twitter are linked to the campaign against President Maduro. Furthermore, in an unprecedented move for the secretary general of a multilateral organization of governments, Almagro has met with representatives of the Venezuelan opposition 26 times. Contrary to normal diplomatic protocol, Almagro has made numerous statements against the Government of Venezuela, including comments made while he was visiting other countries.



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