

# *Prime minister of St. Vincent and the Grenadines says U.S. should be investigated for war crimes in Venezuela*

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Caracas, February 25 (RHC)-- Ralph Gonsalves, Prime Minister of the Caribbean country of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, called a local radio station after a journalist from the country reported on-the-ground realities from Venezuela's capital Caracas.

Journalists from six Caribbean countries including Saint Vincent, Saint Lucia, Antigua, Barbados, Saint Kitts and Nevis, and Trinidad visited Venezuela to give a first-hand report about the current situation in the Bolivarian Republic.

After the report by a Saint Vincent journalist, the Prime Minister of the country called the radio station and commented on the situation in Venezuela. His comments denounced the interventionist attitude of the United States in a country where free and fair elections were held.

He also mentioned that a United Nations special rapporteur was in Venezuela for 21 years who said that the countries forcing the sanctions are putting Venezuela under siege. "I know what they're doing should be investigated as a possible war crime. I mean, it's terrible what they're doing to the country because of political or ideological reasons. This is the 21st century. We have to act differently," said the Prime Minister of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

"I just wanted to make the point that for the Venezuelan government, the money which they have in the United States, money which had been frozen amounts to 11 billion U.S. dollars, that is the money which you can buy food and medicines with," said the prime minister of the U.S.-sanctioned PDVSA, the Venezuelan state oil company.

Prime Minister Gonsalves said: "And then the U.S. takes a few hundred thousand dollars worth of food and have it by the border at Columbia and say that they want to help the people of Venezuela" despite the fact that they are "committing economic warfare against them by these sanctions which are crippling the economy."

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