

U.S. vice president offers Venezuela's military new incentives to turn against elected president



Washington, May 8 (RHC)-- U.S. Vice President Mike Pence is offering new incentives to Venezuela's military to turn against President Nicolas Maduro, part of a plan by President Donald Trump's administration to topple the South American country's legitimate government.

In a speech to the Americas Society at the U.S. State Department, Pence warned that Washington will sanction 25 additional magistrates on Venezuela's supreme court, a senior Trump administration official told Reuters.

Pence offered new "carrots" to the Venezuelan military to get them to defect, as well as an economic aid package contingent on a political transition. His speech was the first look at the Trump administration's recalibrated strategy following street protests last week led by Juan Guaido, the opposition figure backed by the United States and most other Western countries.



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