

# *Venezuelan Foreign Minister Jorge Arreaza says Washington's total blockade won't break his country*

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Caracas, August 6 (RHC)-- Venezuelan Foreign Minister Jorge Arreaza strongly denounced the total economic blockade imposed by the administration of Donald Trump by way of an executive order.

At a press conference held in Caracas Tuesday afternoon, Arreaza said that the order includes seven decrees and makes them into law in order to restrict the commercial, financial and economic capacities of the Venezuelan government led by President Nicolas Maduro, in a bid to oust him from power.

Arreaza warned that the U.S. president plans to issue another decree to execute a total blockade of Venezuelan government's assets abroad. The top Venezuelan diplomat said he had reviewed the latest U.S. coercive measures against Venezuela, and said while they will leave a historical scar on his country's population, they are not enough to break his country. "It takes much more than a magnate-president to violate the dignity of Venezuela."

The Venezuelan foreign minister went on to stress that the U.S. government "spies on us, violates international law and acknowledges it openly," which will affect the purchase of medicine while placing pressure on the country's food program known as Local Supply and Production Committees (CLAP).

Finally, the foreign minister called on Trump to deal with his own country and assess the consequences of his racist speech, such as the recent terrorist shootings in the city of El Paso, Texas. He also said Trump should stay out of Venezuela's affairs and take care of the nearly 100 million poor people in the United States.

Donald Trump signed an executive order late Monday that imposes a near-total blockade on government assets in that country, which includes an embargo against food suppliers, among other basic inputs. This is the first time in 30 years that Washington takes such an action against a sovereign country.

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