

# *Venezuelan president presents testimony of captured U.S. mercenary*

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Caracas, May 6 (RHC)-- Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro announced on Wednesday the arrest of four more terrorists from the group that led the failed armed incursion into the South American country with the intention of carrying out a coup d'état.

In a virtual, on-line news conference with the international press, President Maduro indicated that within a civic-military operation, new arrests were made in Carayaca, in the west of the state of La Guaira, in the north of Venezuela.

The head of state said that the Bolivarian Shield is still active to combat any other attempt to destabilize the country. Maduro took advantage of the meeting with the international media to thank the combative morale of the Bolivarian National Armed Forces (FANB) and the Bolivarian people, who showed that the Bolivarian Shield has worked.

The Venezuelan president highlighted that U.S. President Donald Trump, who every day receives a report on Venezuela, has now stated that he knew nothing about the maritime incursion that was thwarted last weekend off the country's coast.

"It is impossible that Trump did not know what happened this weekend in Venezuela. Mike Pompeo said they had no direct involvement, but have they had indirect involvement."

During the news conference, the Venezuelan president presented the video testimony of Luke Alexander Denman, a U.S. mercenary who was captured in Venezuela, leading a group whose mission was to detain Nicolas Maduro, put up on a plane and fly him to the United States.

Denman revealed that he signed a contract with Juan Guaido and the U.S. mercenary organization Silvercorp, based in Florida, and was offered 50,000 to \$100,000 to carry out his mission.

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