

Venezuelan president gives wide-ranging interview to teleSUR on 16th anniversary



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Caracas, July 25 (RHC)-- Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro gave an extensive interview to teleSUR on Saturday, in the framework of the 16th anniversary of the multi-national media giant. The President of teleSUR, Patricia Villegas, conducted the one-on-one with the Bolivarian leader.

In his opening remarks during the interview, the Venezuelan leader announced that a dialogue process is being carried out with all opposition sectors for peace and respect for the Constitution. He confirmed that meetings are being set up in Mexico and said: "We have had a Permanent Dialogue Commission and today we are having dialogues with all opposition sectors, by groups and sectors."

Likewise, the Venezuelan president explained that the process is being carried out with the mediation of Mexico and other governments. "we are ready to go to Mexico; the delegation of the Bolivarian Government and the delegates of the opposition. I hope that in August a Table of Dialogue, Negotiation, Peace and Reconciliation with all the opposition can be installed in Mexico with the support of Norway and several governments (including the United States)."

"Our demand is that all sanctions against Venezuela be lifted. We have the right to economic, commercial and financial freedom (...) From one to ten, we have reached nine (alluding to the progress of the negotiations), and in the next few days a definitive agreement will be reached", announced President Nicolás Maduro.

While making a retrospective of the calls for dialogue, the president recalled that despite the destabilization attempts of some opposition sectors, the government will always be open to understanding for the stability of Venezuela.

"I have made more than 1,000 calls for dialogue. I have told their representatives that after 20 years, the attempts to destroy the Revolution have not worked. Today we are stronger than ever."

"We spent 14 months, for the first time in 100 years, without selling a drop of oil in the world as a result of this opposition that has asked for sanctions against Venezuela," said President Maduro.

In addition, the President stated that important steps are being taken for the stability of the oil industry, as well as the foreign trade of products, "The oil industry is gradually recovering. We have gone from zero to an important level of production. We are working quietly because we are subjected to a brutal war and every step we take must be taken with care," he explained.

Among the topics discussed in the wide-ranging interview on teleSUR, the Venezuelan president talked about his solidarity with Cuba.

"I was the first to call Díaz-Canel because we have gone through worse times. I told him that the Cuban people have the strength to overcome any situation. We are now accelerating cooperation plans in terms of medicines and food," said President Maduro.

The Bolivarian leader insisted that despite the infamous attacks against the island, it has the support of important nations of the world. "Cuba has the support of the world, it is more aware and stronger. I listened to the declarations of Russia, China and the Non-Aligned Movement. It has awakened a feeling of solidarity with the Cuban Revolution", he added.

"The Cuban people have been subjected to an experiment of social-collective and economic torture, what happened on July 11th was a cry of the people who came out to defend their Revolution and peace. Now they are in a process of reunion, reunification."

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