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Caracas, December 27 (RHC)-- Venezuela's President Nicolas Maduro, in an interview for Al Mayadeen, says that the Venezuelan people resisted fierce attacks launched by U.S. imperialism and its allies, and discusses relations with some countries, including Iran and Syria.

In an exclusive interview with Al Mayadeen, Venezuela's President Nicolas Maduro noted that 2021 was the first year in which Venezuela registered economic growth since "the beginning of the criminal imperialist U.S. sanctions," adding that this growth was the result of Venezuela's economy which

produces food, goods, products, and services. The country has witnessed growth in its industries, trade, and its domestic market as a result of the Venezuelans' continued effort.

Maduro considered that the people of Venezuela resisted the fierce attacks launched by the US imperial power and its allies around the world, "but we held on and resisted." Maduro highlighted that the people of Venezuela did not suffice themselves with resistance, rather the important goal they sought after was to achieve progress by way of a collective effort through the stimulation of all economic sectors.

The Venezuelan president revealed that he finds inspiration in Venezuela's heroic history, stressing the need to believe in the people in order to motivate its sense of pride and ameliorate its strengths, both spiritually and morally. Maduro added that when the individual sees a greater historical cause embodied in himself, he will ascend to the level of the difficulties and challenges that face him.

According to Maduro, the people of Venezuela were no less than heroes before the challenges they faced, and he as a president had to be up to par with this heroic people. He also needed to have great faith and patience, as well as trust in the future, to rise up to the challenge and enter the battle.

The Venezuelan president pointed out that the late Cuban President, Fidel Castro, had always said that one must fight in all circumstances, fight until the last breath.

Commenting on opposition leader and U.S. favorite Juan Guaido, Maduro described him as a sort of a "political Frankenstein" who was defeated, adding that "imperialism thought that Venezuela was its property" and that it had the ability to appoint a president for the country, through its colonialist mentality.

He further clarified that the people of Venezuela confronted imperialism, and told its leaders and its Guaido that they shall not pass, and indeed they did not. Maduro called for abandoning imperialism and its Frankenstein in the swamp, stressing that during the previous U.S. administration, Trump appointed a High Commissioner called Elliott Abrams to rule over a "colony called Venezuela," in accordance with Trump's neo-colonialist and imperialist perspective.

However, Maduro noted, Elliott Abrams was "so shameless that he wrote my wife, asking her to divorce me," and told her that they would allow her to take her family out of the country. He also added that Abrams asked him to "betray the people of Venezuela, Bolivar's cause, and Chavez's legacy, and to hand Venezuela over to U.S. imperialism.

According to the Venezuelan president, imperialism's plans ran into the reality of the high Bolivarian ethical values "that we uphold." Venezuela also witnessed surprises, which revealed the bravery of many people in this world, such as resistance factions, and movements of solidarity, and heads of states and governments, "that provided us with support and defended us."

During his interview for Al Mayadeen, Maduro noted that he had always felt that Venezuela was not alone. At the UN, he said, they [Venezuela's enemies] tried on numerous occasions to avoid recognizing the legitimacy of our government, and they were beaten by support from the vast majority of governments. He expressed his pride in the world's solidarity and resistance movements, and their leaders.

Maduro emphasized that he knew who the traitors were, and where to find them, saying that those that attempt to interfere in Venezuela's affairs will dry out and wither. Each traitor to Venezuela has gone to the ash heap of history, like Lenin Moreno and Mauricio Macri. But, he said, it is best to talk of things beneficial to our peoples, "instead of remembering that trash."



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