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The Bolivarian leader left for Iran from Algeria, where he ended an official visit to that North African nation.

The Venezuelan president will meet his Iranian counterpart and participate in a meeting of high-ranking officials from the two countries.

Both Iran and Venezuela have managed to withstand economic pressure from the United States, and have closely cooperated to offset the impact of illegal sanctions, particularly those targeting the energy sector.

Iran has supplied fuel shipments and equipment needed in crude refineries to Venezuela in the face of Washington's pressure on the country's shipping and trade services. Venezuela has also received major shipments of condensate, a diluent of heavy oil, from Iran.

In a phone call with his Venezuelan counterpart in December, Iran's President Ebrahim Raeisi said Venezuela was targeted by the U.S. because it seeks independence and freedom and fights against the arrogant system.

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