

# *Pirates of the XXI Century*

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As if most of the world still lived under the rule of the British crown, Judge Sara Cockerill argued that her country does not recognize the Bolivarian executive and, therefore, does not abide by the decisions of the board of the Central Bank of Venezuela.

It is about 31 tons of gold valued at around 1.9 billion dollars, which are deposited in the armored vaults of the Bank of England, but which belong to the brotherly Latin American people prevented since 2019 from

using them to develop its economy.

According to Mrs. Cockerill, the Venezuelan president is the puppet Juan Guaidó, which demonstrates his absolute ignorance of the laws, or his total lack of respect for the legal system of other nations.

Let's remember that Guaidó was not elected by anyone, absolutely no one cast a vote in his favor, not even the board of directors of the Congress appointed him ruler.

He himself, in a park in Caracas, called himself temporary president and the United States immediately recognized him and forced its allies and servants, among them the United Kingdom, to accept him as such.

It is not strange that in London they adopt this behavior, especially if we remember some of their traditions, among them piracy, which was legalized for the first time in the whole planet during the reign of Henry VIII, at the dawn of the XVI century, and later elevated to an institution by Elizabeth I.

If you look carefully you can find monuments erected as if they were national heroes to cruel and ruthless corsairs, such as Francis Drake, elevated to the category of "sir" for his "contributions" to the kingdom.

Another criminal of this kind, John Hawkins, was awarded and treated as a notable merchant after ravaging the African coasts, hunting their inhabitants like animals and selling them as slaves throughout the Caribbean Sea.

It would be good if many governments would become aware of this history, read and assimilate its lessons and take it into account when making decisions.

The British privateer mentality has not changed, remember the Falklands and the asylum seekers sent to Rwanda as if they were cattle. If they were pirates once, no wonder they are pirates forever.

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