

# *Venezuelan army deployed to help El Castaño victims*

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**Police and civil protection in El Castaño, Oct. 18, 2022. | Photo: Leonel Retamal**

Caracas, October 19 (RHC)-- Venezuelan Defense Minister Vladimir Padrino Lopez has confirmed that over 300 soldiers are assisting the population of El Castaño, a town that was severely affected by an avalanche generated by torrential rains.

After touring the area, he verified the work of military personnel who are using machinery and all available resources to recover the affected area. "We are vigilant, without neglecting the two battle fronts: Las Tejerías and El Castaño," Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro said, referring to the areas affected by the rains in the state of Aragua.

"The Presidential Command Post is on call 24 hours a day, with a great willingness to recover everything. Let's go with more force!," he added.

Images of the water emanated from the Palmarito River. The tweet reads: "Strong images not suitable for sensitive people." "We have to be ready and give an early response to any event that occurs in any part of the territory. The people are counting on us, on their Armed Forces, and on President Maduro," Deputy Minister of Citizen Security Remigio Ceballos pointed out.

At 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, the local outlet La Republica reported that the Palmarito River overflowed again, creating risky situations for people, who ran through the streets seeking refuge. The latest report from the National Institute of Meteorology and Hydrology (INAMEH) predicted rains of variable intensity with electrical activity in much of the Venezuelan territory.

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