

Caracas Mayor Charged with Sedition and Conspiracy in Coup Plot



Caracas, February 21 (RHC-teleSUR), -- On Friday, Venezuelan authorities charged Caracas Mayor Antonio Ledezma with sedition and conspiracy following his arrest the previous day.

Ledezma stands accused of participating in the thwarted coup attempt against the democratically-elected government.

The long-time opposition leader co-authored a “transition plan” with other opposition figures Leopoldo Lopez and Maria Corina Machado, one day before the frustrated coup plans were to take effect.

In addition, officials announced that Ledezma will be transferred to the military prison of Ramo Verde on the outskirts of Caracas, where opposition leader Leopoldo Lopez is detained for his role in violent demonstrations last year which claimed the lives of 43 people.

In August, Ledezma was named by Lorent Saleh – a young opposition activist who organized violent protests, who was arrested after being deported from Colombia for registering in a military college with false documentation – as providing support to violent demonstrators. Saleh was recorded admitting to

stockpiling arms and planning to sow violence through targeted assassinations.

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