

# *Venezuela denounces false narrative regarding safe-conduct granted to opponents*

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**The Venezuelan Minister of the Interior, Justice, and Peace emphasized that the Venezuelan government never stated that far-right opponents would not leave the Argentine embassy in Caracas, "but rather that they were there of their own free will." Photo: Con el Mazo Dando**

Caracas, May 8 (RHC)-- The Secretary General of the United Socialist Party of Venezuela (PSUV), Diosdado Cabello, denounced this Wednesday the false denial fabricated by the Venezuelan far-right regarding the safe-conduct permit granted to opponents.

"All of this comes with a narrative. Who put those people in the Argentinian embassy? Us? They voluntarily went to the Argentinian embassy. They couldn't find a way to solve their problem. Then, suddenly, they left, and the speculation began," Cabello said on the television program Con el Mazo Dando.

In this regard, he affirmed that the permanence of these people in the Argentinian embassy depended entirely on them.

"We didn't put them there. They were offered, within ethical standards, that the marines would take them out in three days. That the marines would arrive to get them out like heroes, and a day passed, and two days, and three days, and a week, and they didn't do it. And those people began to deteriorate emotionally," he maintained.

Regarding the negotiations, Cabello presented evidence of the departure from Venezuela of Corina Parisca de Machado, mother of opposition leader María Corina de Machado, which took place on May 5th for Bogotá, the capital of Colombia.

He also revealed that the first person María Corina Machado asked to be removed from Venezuela was her mother, with the aim of placing her in a nursing home.

"They don't care about other interests. They want to get rid of her mother and send her to an asylum, right on Mother's Day," she alleged.

Although he did not offer further details, he specified that on August 20th, opposition leader Claudia Macero left the embassy, ??and Fernando Martínez Mottola did so some time later.

"When we opened the doors to them, they refused. They asked me for a ladder and a rope, which they didn't return," he said.

The Venezuelan Minister of the Interior, Justice, and Peace also emphasized that "the Venezuelan government never declared that they would not leave, but rather that they were there of their own free will. In the end, they ended up negotiating like Leopoldo López and everyone else. They always negotiate with their interests first."

The day before, the Venezuelan government confirmed that the far-right opposition members, who were charged by the Prosecutor's Office with crimes of treason and conspiracy, had left the Argentinian embassy in Caracas, where they were located, and had left the country after receiving safe-conduct passes following negotiations with the government.

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