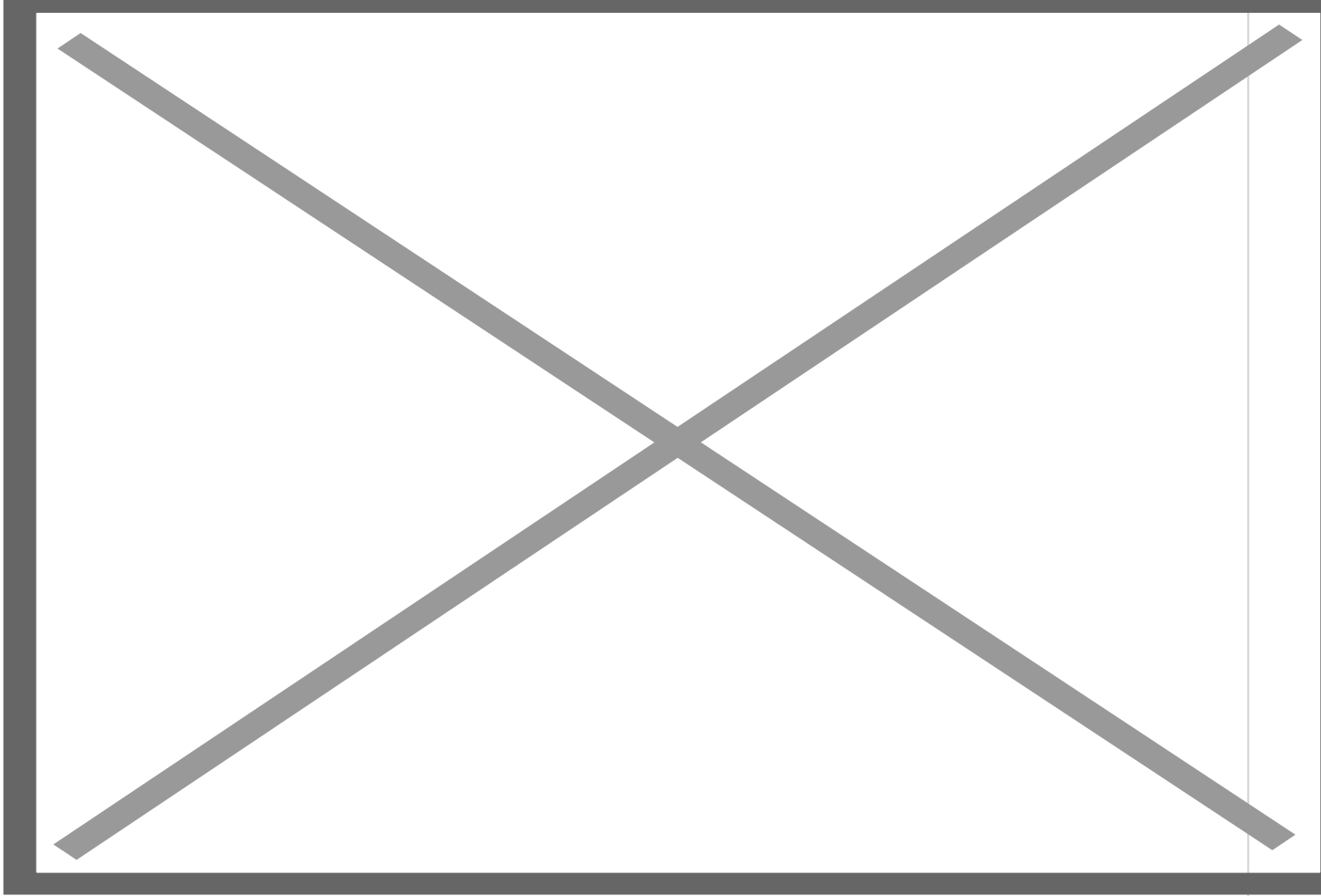


# *Venezuela's attorney general denounces Salvadoran president as the top leader of the Maras*

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Saab indicated that while Bukele is negotiating with the Maras, 252 Venezuelans are being held hostage in the Salvadoran CECOT prison. Photo: EFE Tarek William

Saab denounced Bukele's double standards, calling him "a leader turned regional tyrant"

Caracas, July 10 (RHC)-- Venezuelan Attorney General Tarek William Saab declared that on June 30th, the American newspaper The New York Times "revealed the existence of secret agreements between Bukele and the leaders of the gangs that are filling El Salvador with blood."

According to the head of the Venezuelan Public Prosecutor's Office, the New York newspaper's publication reflects "the double standards of a leader turned regional tyrant who, while appearing to fight crime, actually makes deals with its leaders to consolidate his corrupt power."

The New York Times report indicates that a group of prosecutors has gathered evidence of the existence of a corruption pact between the highest authority in the El Salvador government and some high-ranking leaders of the international terrorist organization Mara Salvatrucha (MS-13).

In this regard, the newspaper specifies that, as part of the pact, they agreed to reduce violence and politically support President Nayib Bukele in exchange for receiving money and benefits in prison. Therefore, Bukele reportedly asked the United States (US) president, Donald Trump, to repatriate nine dangerous gang leaders imprisoned in that country to prevent them from revealing details about the agreements.

"In a contradiction that reflects his perverted logic, while Bukele negotiates with the gangs, he holds more than 250 innocent Venezuelans hostage under torture. They have been transported from the U.S. to El Salvador and confined in the concentration camp called CECOT, without having committed any crime and under inhumane conditions," Saab denounced.

Saab also indicated that Bukele offered the US a 50 percent reduction in the cost of holding Venezuelans held captive in the CECOT (National Commission for the Protection of the Rights of the Child) so that the gang leaders could be transferred to El Salvador, as if Venezuelans "were merchandise being traded in a street vendor's market."

The Venezuelan attorney general concluded his remarks by reaffirming his commitment to defending the human rights of all his fellow citizens, both inside and outside Venezuela. Attorney General Tarek William Saab also urged multilateral organizations, especially the United Nations (UN), to act in response to the seriousness of these systematically arbitrary acts.

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