

More Recordings Reveal Venezuelan Anti-Government Plots



Caracas, May 28 (teleSUR-rhc)-- A second recording in which Venezuelan right-wing opposition politicians talk in their prison cells detailing a violent plan for seizing power was broadcast on Venezuelan state television channel VTV on Wednesday.

The voices of far-right politician Leopoldo Lopez and ex-mayor of San Cristobal, Daniel Ceballos, both jailed over charges of inciting deadly violence last February, can be heard discussing their intentions to do so again. Lopez and Ceballos criticized and classified the opposition leadership and the followers of the so-called Table of Democratic Unity organization, calling them “bugs” and “queers.”

“They’ll ban us with that ... We can’t accept voter cards,” is heard, referring to their concern about the implementation of a new voting card to participate in parliamentary elections.

The release of the recording comes just days after a first clip was broadcast of the two convicts held in Ramo Verde prison, and almost a week since the pair declared themselves on hunger strikes. “That video has to be recorded tonight,” Lopez urges Ceballos, who answers: “And we have to call people to the streets.” Lopez adds “a massive demonstration on Saturday, against this mess and in favor of the petition

(to free both politicians).”

According to the conversation, preparations were already taking place before the video was released, which would include organizing an encampment outside the United Nations office in Caracas. In the most damning section of the recording, both leaders also refer to planting 'bichos,' a term used in Venezuela to describe a number of things, including weapons.

During the 2002 coup d'état against late President Hugo Chavez, snipers killed opposition and *Chavista* demonstrators as part of an orchestrated effort to blame the government for repression.

In the violent opposition barricades that began in February 2014, snipers – placed by the ultra-right wing plotters – also killed people at marches, while people on motorbikes killed those who attempted to remove the barricades set up by the opposition protesters.

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