

Nicolas Maduro Declares Emergency to Face Foreign Intervention



Caracas, May 14 (RHC-teleSUR), -- Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro declared a 60-day state of emergency on Friday due to what he called plots from within the OPEC country and the United States to topple his government.

Maduro said that the measure includes the ability to face outside threats, such as Colombia's former president Alvaro Uribe's demand for foreign intervention in Venezuela. He added that the previous state of exception included decrees "to protect the people and the socio-economic stability of the country."

Earlier on Friday, U.S. intelligence officials told reporters they were increasingly worried about the potential for an economic and political meltdown in Venezuela and predicted Maduro was not likely to complete his term.

During a Friday night broadcast on state television, President Maduro responded by vowing to stick out his term. He further accused the United States of fomenting an undercover coup against him.

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