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TOPIC OF THE WEEK



Social investment, protection shield against the blockade

Raising and guaranteeing the well-being of the Venezuelan people is an inalienable principle of the Bolivarian Revolution, which has made reducing poverty and substantially increasing the material and spiritual conditions of the population possible, thus placing the country at the top of the human development index in the region.

Since the beginning of the criminal economic blockade by the US and its allies, in 2014, which includes more than 400 Unilateral Coercive Measures (UCM) that seek to undermine the fundamental rights of the people, the social policies implemented by the revolutionary government, in particular the System of Missions, has made it possible to endure the attacks and advance in the restitution of the violated rights.

Faced with the onslaught of Washington and its satellite countries, which reduced the country's income in foreign currency by up to 99%, the Comprehensive Care Plan for the Victims of the Imperial Blockade was activated, which includes the articulation of the system of social missions, born in 2003.

Key to this plan are the 1,362 Bases of Socialist Missions active in the country, to which a further 700 will be added. Created in June 2014, they allow the territorialization of the social protection policy, to guarantee the welfare state of the people.

These Bases "are an expression of the central role of the people's power and the ability of a Government to convert the needs of the people into timely responses, protecting them from the worst imperial attack that has been committed against the Homeland," said the President of the Republic, Nicolás Maduro, on June 7, seven years after the creation of the aforementioned plan.

Another protection mechanism is the Patria System. President Nicolás Maduro reported in his annual message to the nation at the beginning of the year, that in 2020 using the digital platform of the Patria System, 1.4 billion dollars were transferred to the most vulnerable sectors. This System serves more than 21.2 million people.

The UCMs have had a strong impact on access to healthcare. For this reason, the Comprehensive Community Health Areas (ASIC in Spanish) were

Health defense against UCM

Venezuela defends the right to health of the people in the face of the Covid-19 pandemic, despite the effects of the UCM that cause damage such as the blocking of 10 million dollars of the total for 120 million dollars paid to the UN Covax mechanism, that will provide vaccines for the mass immunization plan that is being carried out in the country and of which 5 million doses are expected in July. The Executive Vice President, Delcy Rodríguez, denounced that the amount was blocked and placed under investigation: "It is the exercise of hegemonic power, of the factual powers."

activated in 2016, in 593 geographical areas, to articulate primary medical care.

The social protection system also includes house-to-house visiting brigades to detect and tend to cases that require special attention. Last February, 5,000 families joined this mechanism.

"It is the Venezuelan, Bolivarian model (...) of putting the human being, the family, at the centre of attention," said President Maduro.

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DIPLOMACY

Venezuela strengthens productive alliances at Staint Petersburg Forum

Deepening cooperation in areas such as science, technology, banking, and tourism was the central objective of the Venezuelan delegation that participated in the 24th St. Petersburg International Economic Forum, Russia, from June 2nd to 5th.

During the forum, delegations from African, European, American, and Asian countries exchanged experiences on the new scenarios in the energy world. Venezuela called for promoting a transition in this field, within the framework of the development of collective welfare, highlighted in a telematic intervention by the Minister for Petroleum, Tareck El Aissami.

In the field of Science and Technology, Minister for Science and Technology, Gabriela Jiménez, evaluated with Russian representatives the cooperation mechanisms to implement precision technological systems. She also participated in the exchange on genetic techniques in clinical diagnosis and therapeutic treatments.

In the banking field, Venezuela proposed to establish, through cooperation mechanisms, a crypto bank and a multifunctional bank, said the Minister for Agricultural Production, Wilmar Castro, during a meeting with the first vice-president of

EpicVacCorona in Venezuela

The Venezuelan delegation and representatives of the Russian company Geropharm signed an agreement to incorporate EpicVacCorona into the mass vaccination campaign against Covid-19 in Venezuela, where Sputnik-V is also applied.

The antigen, developed in Russia by the Vektor laboratory, has a 94% of efficacy and it is estimated that it offers immunity for at least one year. At the beginning of last May, it was the subject of clinical trials in Venezuela.

the Board of Directors of the Russian Agricultural Bank, Kirill Yuriyevich Liovin.

While in Tourism, Minister Alí Padrón agreed with Russian authorities to carry out a World Shop, with the work of Russian tour operators in Venezuela and Venezuelan tour operators in Russia.

The St. Petersburg Forum, which has been held since 1997, has allowed Venezuela to expand bilateral cooperation with Russia.

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VENEZUELA IN IMAGES

Fields of Carabobo: Testimony of liberation glory

In the centre of Venezuela is the field in which the battle that sealed its independence was fought in 1821. On the centenary of that feat, in 1921, the Triumphal Arch of Carabobo was inaugurated on-site, the first work of the current monumental complex

and national historical heritage. This year, 2021, on the bicentennial of the Battle of Carabobo, renovations will be carried out and another monument will be built: a 31-meter replica of Simón Bolívar's sword.

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NEWS BRIEF



Against corruption

At the first Special Session of the UN General Assembly against Corruption, Venezuela reaffirmed its readiness to cooperate multilaterally and bilaterally in combating this crime. Foreign Minister Jorge Arreaza warned that the economic blockade against the country is a form of induced corruption, endorsed by the freezing of more than \$30 billion of the Republic's assets abroad.

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Human Rights Committee dictates protection to Alex Saab

Venezuela welcomes the request of the UN Human Rights Committee to the Republic of Cape Verde to adopt "measures that guarantee the human rights of Ambassador Alex Saab," illegally detained in that country since June 12, 2020. This includes the immediate suspension of his extradition to the United States and "adequate medical care by independent and specialized doctors of his choice." Venezuela reiterates the call to end this illegal detention.

Exchange with German scientists

Venezuelan researchers met in Caracas with colleagues from the prestigious Charité-Berlin Medical University to explore possibilities for scientific cooperation and exchange experiences in the study, lines of work and strategies to address Covid-19. "The colleagues from Venezuela are doing a very good job, despite facing many difficulties," said Dr. Jan Drexler, a member of the German delegation.



HUMANITY ON THE MOVE



The cruel path of Central American migrants to the US

His name arouses fear. Among Central American migrants it is known as “The Beast” or “Train of Death.” It is not a specific locomotive, but a set of freight trains that cross Mexico, from south to north, to the border with the United States.

Men, women and children, mostly from El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras, travel in precarious conditions in these machines to cross the border, where up to 5,000 people are detained every day.

On the way, they suffer harsh weather conditions and run the risk of being victims of extortion, kidnapping and rape. In the US, the outlook is not encouraging either; Among other reasons for the measures to separate families in detention centers, promoted in the administration of Barack Obama and continued by Donald Trump and the current president, Joe Biden.

The latter allowed the entry of unaccompanied children, who are crammed into “refrigerators,” extremely cold cubicles, controlled by the US

Keys:

“If they come to our border, they will be returned,” is the message of the US government to Central American migrants, although it assures that it seeks to deter “illegal” migration. Last Monday, Vice President Kamala Harris, from Guatemala, where she began her first overseas tour since taking office last January, said: “I want to be clear with the people in this region that they are thinking of making that dangerous trip to the border between the United States and Mexico. Do not come. Do not come.”

Customs and Border Protection (CBP), where it has been reported that infants go for days without sunlight or fresh air.

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UNBLOCK

Experts analyze illegal and hostile character of the Unilateral Coercive Measures

Researchers and experts in International Law analyzed the criminal and illegal nature of the misnamed sanctions and proposed ways to stop this hegemonic practice, in the conference “Unilateral Coercive Measures: Disrespect for International Law and Serious Human Consequences.”

The event, organized by the Bolivarian Government and the Geneva School of Diplomacy and International Relations, was attended by the UN Special Rapporteur on the negative impact of the Unilateral Coercive Measures (UCM), Alena Douhan, who considered important the decision taken by the International Criminal Court for the complaint presented by Venezuela “because it could be the beginning of a valid basis to initiate actions.”

“All areas of international law are affected by the application of the UCM and these prevent governments from guaranteeing the development of the population,” said Dohuan, who proposed creating a global academic research network and a database to analyze the UCM.

For his part, Alfred De Zayas, an independent expert for the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order, warned that the UCM make it impossible to meet the UN Sustainable Development Goals and are used as a political weapon.

Meanwhile, Camilo Borrego, professor of Law at the Central University of Venezuela, warned about practices such as aggression against the financial system, to collapse the economy. He also warned that the UCM against Venezuela show a growing character.

On June 9th, the first day of the conference held via telematics, other specialists participated, such as Antonio Remiro Brotons, from the Autonomous University of Madrid, who denounced: “There is a savage unilateralism, a brutal power, we already know it; but there is a crafty power, a more intelligent and dangerous group or group unilateralism.”

“Sanctions are a sinister weapon”, used in a “discretionary manner within the framework of hegemonic International Law”, Richard Falk, from Princeton University, said in his speech.

At the opening of the forum, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Jorge Arreaza, stressed that the UCM are part of a political, economic and ideological attack; “a real attack with mercenary operations.”

CAPSULES OF IDEAS

“Everyday we have the challenge of remaining undefeated in Carabobo (...) We cannot allow the gates of independence to be closed again. How much did it cost to open them again! How much did it cost to open them almost 200 years ago, when Bolívar arrived in Carabobo with a united army, that is, the people became an army!”

Hugo Chávez, June 24th, 2012. Speech for the 191st anniversary of the Battle of Carabobo



HEROIC ROOTS



In the heart of Venezuela the libertarian route of South America was opened

The Battle of Carabobo, which sealed the independence of Venezuela and opened the way for the liberation of South America, had in San Carlos, a town in the central plains, an important place for the organization of the Liberation Army, which carried out tactical and strategic actions between May and June 1821. In San Carlos, today the capital of the Cojedes state, patriotic soldiers from the south, north and west gathered in order to organize themselves for the great battle. Gathering the forces there was also fundamental towards the so-called "diversions," an operation ordered by the Liberator Simón Bolívar to confuse the royalists and curtail their capabilities on the way to Carabobo.

One of the main "diversions" was the occupation and loss of Caracas by the Army of the East, under the command of José Francisco Bermúdez, who in his advance towards the capital liberated towns such as El Guapo and Guatire, in addition to also executing actions in nearby towns, in La Guaira and the Aragua Valleys. Although he had to leave Caracas in retreat at the end of May, the eastern general had already honourably fulfilled the mission. Part of the royal army had been dismantled, which could not prevent the concentration of the patriotic forces. Thanks to the "diversions," the troops, who in Carabobo would be under the charge of José Antonio Páez, Manuel Cedeño and Ambrosio Plaza, progressively concentrated in San Carlos between June 4th and 19th.

On June 23, the day before the Battle of Carabobo, Bolívar reviews his patriotic troops. This was mere hours before sealing the independence of Venezuela and paving the way for the liberation project of South America.

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BEATS OF OUR PEOPLE

Military wit for technological sovereignty

The independence of a nation is also manifested by its capabilities for innovation. This is why Venezuelan soldiers, apart from the military training, are also formed in the scientific and technology fields, to contribute to the development of areas such as health, food or transport.

They share the same roots as the Patriot Army, which used its ingenious in the fight for independence 200 years ago. Today, as Venezuela faces new aggressions against its sovereignty, soldiers and officers put their knowledge at the nations service; they build medical equipment (such as respirators and nebulizers), pharmaceutical supplies, technological applications for patient follow up, food with high calorie charge and simulators.

Additionally, as part of the Science and Technology Military Council, created by President and Commander in Chief of the Bolivarian National Armed Forces, Nicolas Maduro, they are working on the recovery of the system of arms, tanks and special vehicles.

Defense Minister, Vladimir Padrino, expressed that in order to confront the economic blockade in the country "each military headquarter has become a center for innovation, investigation and will," during his intervention at the 1st Investigation, Development and Innovation Fair of the Bolivarian Military University, in Caracas, where 148 projects developed by military personnel as well as civilians were exposed.

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UNCOVERING FAKE NEWS

Double discourse from the US against the health of Venezuelans

Health is one of the areas most affected by the economic blockade against Venezuela, this imperial policy seeks to suffocate the country. These intentions can be observed in the double discourse of figures such as US government representative, James Story, who lied and contradicts himself on the alleged donation of vaccines against Covid-19.

Initially he said that Joe Biden's administration -faithful to his pro blockade policy- didn't include Venezuela in the list of countries to receive donations of antigens against the coronavirus. After criticism from sectors of the opposition, he contradicted himself and assured that the US allegedly donated \$1.2 million to Venezuela, a transaction that has not been

done, as Foreign Minister Jorge Arreaza warned as he denounced, once again, the withholding of Venezuela's resources and assets abroad. Part of Venezuela's stolen funds were deviated to the hands of former parliamentarian Juan Guaidó, whose behaviour has opened the path to the spoliation of the assets of the Republic, whose legitimate government has to undertake complex financial operations in order to purchase vaccines for the population.

"Venezuela could be the only country in the world which is subject to a persecution against its right to freely buy vaccines to any company that produces vaccines against Covid-19," President Nicolás Maduro manifested as he rejected Story's double discourse.