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TOPIC OF THE WEEK



We are still undefeated in Carabobo!



Venezuelan soldiers, heirs of the Liberation Army, and social organizations marched on June 24 in the field where the Battle of Carabobo was fought 200 years ago.

In the civic-military parade for the Bicentennial and National Army Day, the commitment of the soldiers to the anti-blockade struggle was ratified, by exhibiting weapons systems repaired by them, to overcome restrictions imposed by the misnamed sanctions. From Caracas, the president of the Republic and commander-in-chief of the Bolivarian National Armed Force (FANB), Nicolás Maduro, said that in

Carabobo "the definitive feat of South America began" and the break of 300 years of colonial rule.

"The emancipatory, liberating, geopolitical doctrine founded by the liberators is valid today," as demonstrated by the XIX Summit of the Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America (Alba-TCP) and the Bicentennial Congress of the Peoples of the World, "which has brought together 67 countries." The President stressed that Venezuela continues to stand, free and proud as the liberators.

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Alba-TCP for the integration and unity of peoples

With agreements to strengthen integration and overcome the Covid-19 pandemic, the XIX Alba-TCP Summit of Heads of State and Government concluded in Caracas. The presidents of Bolivia, Luis Arce, and Nicaragua, Daniel Ortega (online); the Prime Ministers of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and Dominica; the

Foreign Ministers of Cuba and Antigua and Barbuda, as well as the Minister of Agriculture of Grenada, participated. The final statement was nourished with proposals from delegates of the Congress of the Peoples of the World, who also attended the closing day of the event.

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Bicentennial Congress for the Life and Sovereignty of Peoples

In Caracas, the Bicentennial Congress of the Peoples of the World called for unity "to fight to preserve life, safeguard peace, defend the sovereignty of the peoples and build new models of human coexistence," it condemned the

Unilateral Coercive Measures, agreed to strengthen political and social organizations, articulate communication strategies, create a center for strategic thinking and support the elimination of patents on anti-COVID-19 vaccines.



Unity, perseverance and audacity

These are the lessons of Carabobo in the face of imperialism "to continue defeating throughout all times," said Minister of Defense Vladimir Padrino, at the flag raising ceremony in Caracas.

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DIPLOMACY

Venezuela and Russia: integral strategic alliance

Russia-Venezuela cooperation is evidenced in 262 agreements in 20 years, in common positions of respect for self-determination and rejection of Unilateral Coercive Measures (UCM) and all forms of imperialist interference.

This led them to form a group of countries in defense of the United Nations Charter, said the Minister of Foreign Relations, Jorge Arreaza, after meeting in Moscow with his Russian counterpart, Serguéi Lavrov.

“We must give a sign of firmness and democratic defense” to those who violate the UN Charter, he said.

He thanked Russia for its support in the fight against Covid-19 with the shipment of Sputnik V vaccines and the signing of the agreement to produce in Caracas the EpiVacCorona. “We faced adversities and Russia has been a great friend.”

Lavrov defended the right of peoples to choose their path: “Perhaps it is time for Washington to realize that dealings with other countries, including those in Latin America and the Caribbean, should be based on equity, equality and mutual respect.”

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Venezuela present in Antalya Diplomatic Forum

The Venezuelan delegation at the Antalya Diplomatic Forum “Innovative Diplomacy: New Era, New Approaches” was headed by the Minister for Foreign Relations, Jorge Arreaza, in the framework of an official visit to Turkey, where he fulfilled a broad work agenda.

The forum was attended by high-level representatives of various countries and multilateral organizations, to discuss global crises and the opportunities to overcome them.

During the panel “Energy What does the future hold for

us?,” the Minister advocated for a multilateral scheme with financing to support countries of the South in the transition towards the use of green energies, although he warned that gas and oil will continue to be necessary for several decades to come.

In Antalya, the Foreign Minister held meetings, among others, with his counterparts from Cameroon, Lejeune Mbella Mbella; Iran, Mohammad Javad Zarif; Palestine, Riad Al-Malki; Zimbabwe, Frederick Musiiwa Makamure Shava, and Turkey, Mevlüt Çavusoglu.



VENEZUELA IN IMAGES

Monument exalts free Venezuela

In the week of the Bicentennial of the Battle of Carabobo, the Carabobo Monument was presented to the country. The structure has a 30-meter replica of Simón Bolívar’s sword, which has two torches on each side and a giant mural

of the battle heroes. “May the Homeland always stand tall, in the spirit of Carabobo!” President Nicolás Maduro said when he inaugurated the work on June 22nd.

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NEWS BRIEF



Congratulations to Iran

The Head of State, Nicolás Maduro, spoke by telephone with Seyed Ebrahim Raisi, President-elect of Iran, a country with which Venezuela maintains a strong bilateral relationship. “We agreed to strengthen our ties of brotherhood and cooperation to advance in the joint struggle against imperial aggressions against our peoples,” President Maduro said.

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The world condemns the blockade of Cuba

The US blockade against Cuba is the most unjust and severe scheme imposed on any country, it constitutes a crime against humanity, supported by practices such as economic terrorism, Venezuelan Ambassador Samuel Moncada said at the special session of the UN General Assembly that passed the resolution to demand an end to this hostile action. He thanked the solidarity of Cuba, the only Latin American country that has designed vaccines against Covid-19, which this week sent the first 30,000 doses of Abdala to Venezuelans: “Humanity needs more vaccines, not more blockades.” Venezuela is one of the 184 countries that supported the resolution, which had two votes against and three abstentions.

Venezuela-European Union relations

Venezuelan Foreign Minister Jorge Arreaza met in Antalya, Turkey, with Josep Borrell, Vice President of the European Commission and High Representative of the European Union (EU) for Foreign Affairs and Common Security Policy. They addressed issues such as the process of national dialogue in Venezuela, Venezuela-EU relations and the realities of both regions.

HUMANITY ON THE MOVE



False opinion matrix on the “crisis” of Venezuelan refugees

A recent study by Sures Organization shows statistically how a discourse on the supposed “crisis of Venezuelan refugees” has been constructed, based on the political use and methodologically erroneous construction of the data of people who migrated from Venezuela to countries of the region and Spain.

The reported figure, which amounts to 158,517 Venezuelans recognized as refugees, includes 83,633 people who are in Spain, who were granted residence permits for humanitarian reasons, granted without evaluating whether they met the conditions required by the Convention on the Statute of the 1951 Refugees (criterion modified in March 2021 by the Spanish Supreme Court limiting the granting of permits).

The report by Sures, an NGO dedicated to the study, promotion and defense of Human Rights, shows that if the refugee concept of the Convention is adopted and the construction of the data is not used politically, the number of Venezuelan refugees in Spain is reduced to 756 people.

This figure is well below what is considered a “crisis,”

Keys:

- Today there is a Colombian refugee crisis in the American continent. According to the UN, more than 400 thousand people with this condition are recognized only among those who currently reside in Venezuela, Peru and Ecuador.
- Venezuela hosts more refugees than the rest of the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean, including Spain.

being much lower, for example, than the number of refugees from the war in Colombia. According to the “analysis carried out on the data provided by the specialized office in the United Nations System,” the Sures report concludes “that there is no refugee crisis in Venezuela.”

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CAPSULES OF IDEAS

“Yesterday the political birth of the Republic of Colombia was confirmed with a splendid victory (...) The Spanish army had more than 6,000 men, made up of all the best of the peacekeeping expeditions. This army ceased to be so: 400 men will have entered Puerto Cabello today. The Liberation Army had the same strength as the enemy; but no more than a fifth of it has decided the battle.”

Simón Bolívar, report of the war of the Battle of Carabobo. Valencia, June 25, 1821.

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Investigation shows impact of Unilateral Coercive Measures in communal economy

Unilateral Coercive Measures against Venezuela directly affect the Communal Economic system. According to a study from the Center for Social Investigation (CEIS in Spanish), the wrongly called “sanctions” have had an impact on the productive capacities of more than 23 thousand Base Organizations of the Popular Power.

The study, that was presented at the Anti-blockade Lectureship imparted at the Bolivarian University of Venezuela, in Caracas, reveals that financing opportunities for these organizations are very difficult. This circumstance also led them to reformulate the nature of their projects.

This behaviour is evidenced in the Communal Integration System (SINCO), managed by the Federal Council of Government, which has received more than 44 thousand projects in six years. In 2014, more than 12 thousand projects for services and 1,600 productive projects were registered. These figures varied each year, as the Unilateral Coercive Measures worsened. By 2020, 790 productive projects were presented and 655 for services.

In six years 11,452 social and productive projects were registered. Of these, 5,649 (49.72%) are for agriculture. This condition reflects the turn of Popular Power towards the production initiatives in order to help confront the effects of the economic blockade

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HEROIC ROOTS



Carabobo is a battle alive against imperialism

The Battle of Carabobo, just like a lightning meant a dazzlement for everyone, as Eduardo Blanco summarized in his book "Heroic Venezuela." And that force expands to the twenty-first century: the key elements of that combat guide Venezuela today, which is defending its right to independence and continental union to face imperial agents.

In order to face mechanisms like they unilateral coercive measures, Venezuelan people is finding tools to fight in the deed and ideals of men like Simón Bolívar, the Liberator, and all the decisive heroes in the patriot triumph.

"Carabobo was the crown at the peak of a revolutionary independence process of more than a decade," Commander Chávez affirmed on June 24, 2002, therefore placing the knowledge of our history on the national and international agenda, in order to rescue sovereignty and continental union.

Those values had been ignored by the governments of the fourth republic, which were open to US interference. To break that yoke, Venezuela retook the Bolivarian ideal of "the road to the greatness of the homeland," as Chávez expressed asserting Carabobo as an example of strategy and resistance and union of Our America.

Venezuela celebrates the Bicentennial of the Battle of Carabobo this 2021, waged on June 24, 1821, facing today's imperial threats with the tools of the Liberation project. President Nicolás Maduro assured that the backbone of this process is in "the historical values, because the project of our Revolution is Simón Bolívar's project."

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BEATS OF OUR PEOPLE



The National Flag to fly in Tokyo

The yellow, blue and red tricolour flag that the Liberation Army raised with honour 200 years ago in the struggle for independence will accompany, with all its heroic strength, the delegation that will represent Venezuela in the Tokyo 2020 + 1 Olympic Games, which has as flag bearers, elected by popular vote, the triple jumper Yulimar Rojas and the karate fighter Antonio Díaz.

The National Flag with which the Venezuelan athletes will parade at the Tokyo Olympic Stadium on July 23 was already delivered in Caracas by the President of the Republic, Nicolás Maduro, to the judoka Karen León and the boxer Nalek Korbaj, who received it on behalf of Antonio Díaz, two-time world champion, and Yulimar Rojas, multi-world champion and Olympic silver medallist at the 2016 Rio Games.

"It is a great pride, an honour and a dream come true," said Antonio in an audio-visual message,

while Yulimar expressed: "Now to continue working. See you in Tokyo," thankful for the responsibility and support.

The flag of Venezuela was designed by the Independence hero Francisco de Miranda in 1806 and has been waved in feats such as the Battle of Carabobo, in 1821.

"It is a heroic flag of values. Later, it became the flag carried by the troops of our Liberation Army during the war," said President Maduro to the athletes who will go to the Olympic event.

When handing the flag to Lisbeli Vera (athletics) and Edwards Varela (shot put), flag bearers of the delegation that will compete in the Paralympic Games, the President emphasized: "Carry this flag in your hands, so that with dignity, a lot of discipline and a lot of love for our homeland you take it to Tokyo and bring it back victorious."

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UNCOVERING FAKE NEWS

The artillery of thought against lies

Throughout history, the Venezuelan people have been the target of media wars that seek to torpedo their right to be free. The now called fake news is not exclusive to the 21st century. Lying and manipulation are weapons used since ancient times in various conflicts. The wars of independence in the 19th century were no exception.

To confront it, in September 1817, the Liberator Simón Bolívar devised the Correo del Orinoco, a weekly post that reported between 1818 and 1822 (in Spanish, English and French) on important events, such as the patriot triumph in the Battle of Boyacá, on 7th August 1819, and the independence victory in the heroic Battle of Carabobo, on June 24th, 1821.

The Correo del Orinoco was valued by the

Liberator himself as "the artillery of thought" and as an "educator of the masses of today and tomorrow," since it countered the lies of the pro-colonial Gaceta de Caracas.

In the middle of the Bicentennial of the Battle of Carabobo, our country continues to wisely face the fake news disseminated by the mainstream media. One of the most recent attacks is the "Donor Conference for Venezuelan Migration," catalogued in a statement from the Venezuelan government as a "crude propaganda operation." The organizers do not refer to "the Unilateral Coercive Measures of the US, Canada and the European Union that caused the Venezuelan economic crisis that pushes human groups towards the experience of migration," it is denounced in the text.