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"Trump and Pence - they are leading the coup"

VIDEO: In an exclusive interview with TRNN, Venezuela's Foreign Minister Jorge Arreaza says Guaido has not accepted the Pope's offer to negotiate since he is being directed by Washington

VIDEO: FOOD AID AS POLITICAL STUNT: The offer of aid from US, Canada and Colombia is a propaganda stunt to falsely portray Venezuela population as starving and under economic duress due to US sanctions.

TRANSCRIPT

SHARMINI PERIES: Minister, a quick response to the issue of aid at the border. Now, the Canadian government has committed \$53 million. The Colombian government has offered \$40 million in aid. And the U.S. has offered \$20 million in aid, and packages of goods and so forth is waiting at the border to relieve the pressure that the Venezuelans are experiencing at the moment. Why is the government denying this aid?

JORGE ARREAZA: Well, it's not an issue—this is all a stunt for public opinion, public relations. I mean, **if your unilateral coercive measures—so-called sanctions—are having an impact in our economy that has cost more than \$23 billion—with a B, billion—dollars, now, how can you tell us that you're going to send \$20 million. Of what? That is maybe what the restaurants in Caracas need for three days.**

I mean, **that is all a spectacle. That is a show for public opinion.** Venezuelans, we are doing our best in spite of the sanctions, in spite of the blockade. We're doing our best in order to distribute tons and tons—I mean, **the consumption in Venezuela of food is over 1 million tons per month. What is this, of 60 tons of what? I mean, that is only for CNN to broadcast live, and CBS, and Fox News, and the right wing media all over Latin America and Europe.** But the reality is that we—if the United States unblocks our economy, if they waive the sanctions, we have enough resources to satisfy and oversatisfy the needs of our people.



Trump is flirting with major opposition since Maduro is supported by Russia, China, Iran and Bolivia

[**VIDEO:**](#) Venezuelans' message to the US: Hands off our country

The Grayzone reports from Venezuela, where millions of people waited in long lines to sign an open letter to the US public, strongly rejecting foreign intervention in their country. Anya Parampil interviewed working-class Venezuelans in Simon Bolivar Square in the capital Caracas, on February 10, 2019.

[VIDEO: VENEZUELA ELITE SUPPORT US INTERVENTION AND US COUP AGAINST MADURO](#)

Affluent Juan Guaidó Supporters Approve US Intervention - Max Blumenthal reports for the Grayzone

Venezuela: Call It What It Is—a Coup (The Nation)

The power grab of the right's Juan Guaidó is brazenly unconstitutional.

<https://www.thenation.com/article/venezuela-coup-guaido-maduro/>

Juan Guaidó Claims Police Raided His Home As He Struggles To Consolidate Power

"Maduro has not backed down. He has support from Russia, China, Iran and Bolivia and has accused the U.S. of orchestrating a plot to eject him and steal Venezuela's oil."

<https://www.npr.org/2019/01/31/690359598/juan-guaid-claims-police-raided-his-home-as-he-struggles-to-consolidate-power>

Nicolas Maduro: An Open Letter to the People of the United States

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Nicolas Maduro: An Open Letter to the People of the United States

2/9/2019 By Nicolás Maduro ([Source](#))

If I know anything, it is about the people, because like yourselves, I am a man of the people. I was born and raised in a poor neighborhood of Caracas. I forged myself in the heat of popular and union struggles in a Venezuela submerged in exclusion and inequality. I am not a tycoon, I am a worker in thought and heart, today I have the great privilege of presiding over the new Venezuela, rooted in a model of inclusive development and social equality, which was forged by Commander Hugo Chávez since 1998 inspired by the Bolivarian legacy.

We live today a historical trance. These passing days will define the future of our countries between war and peace. Your national representatives of Washington want to bring to your borders the same hatred that they planted in Vietnam. They want to invade and intervene in Venezuela – they say, as they said then – in the name of democracy and freedom. But it's not like that. The history of the usurpation of power in Venezuela is as false as the weapons of mass destruction in Iraq. It is a false case, but it can have dramatic consequences for our entire region.

Venezuela is a country that, by virtue of its 1999 Constitution, has broadly expanded the participatory and protagonistic democracy of the people, and that is unprecedented today, as one of the countries with the largest number of electoral processes in its last 20 years. You might not like our ideology or our appearance, but we exist and we are millions.

I address these words to the people of the United States of America to warn of the gravity and danger intended by some sectors in the White House to invade Venezuela with unpredictable consequences for my country and for the entire American region. President Donald Trump also intends to disrupt the noble dialogue initiatives promoted by Uruguay and Mexico, with

the support of CARICOM, for a peaceful solution and dialogue in favor of Venezuela. We know that for the good of Venezuela we have to sit down and talk because to refuse to dialogue is to choose the path of force. Keep in mind the words of John F. Kennedy: "Let us never negotiate out of fear. But let us never fear to negotiate". Are those who do not want to dialogue afraid of the truth?

The political intolerance towards the Venezuelan Bolivarian model and the desires for our immense oil resources, minerals, and other great riches, has prompted an international coalition headed by the US government to commit the serious insanity of militarily attacking Venezuela under the false excuse of a non-existent humanitarian crisis.

The people of Venezuela have suffered painful social wounds caused by a criminal commercial and financial blockade, which has been aggravated by the dispossession and theft of our financial resources and assets in countries aligned with this demented onslaught. And yet, thanks to a new system of social protection, of direct attention to the most vulnerable sectors, we proudly continue to be a country with a high human development index and with lower inequality in the Americas.

The American people must know that this complex multiform aggression is carried out with total impunity and in clear violation of the Charter of the United Nations, which expressly outlaws the threat or use of force, among other principles and purposes for the sake of peace and the friendly relations between Nations.

We want to continue being business partners of the people of the United States, as we have been throughout our history. Their politicians in Washington, on the other hand, are willing to send their sons and daughters to die in an absurd war, instead of respecting the sacred right of the Venezuelan people to self-determination and to safeguard their sovereignty.

Like you, people of the United States, we Venezuelans are patriots. And we shall defend our homeland with every piece of our soul. Today Venezuela is united in a single clamor: we demand the cessation of the aggression that seeks to suffocate our economy and socially suffocate our people, as well as the cessation of the serious and dangerous threats of military intervention against Venezuela. We appeal to the good soul of the American society, a victim of its own leaders, to join our call for peace, let us be all one people against warmongering and war.

Long live the peoples of America!

Nicolás Maduro

President of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela