

Countries Around the World Condemn Attack in Venezuela

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In the aftermath of the <u>helicopter attack</u> against the Venezuelan Supreme Court, countries around the world have expressed their solidarity with Venezuela by condemning the acts that the Bolivarian government has described as "terrorist."

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The countries include Bolivia, Ecuador, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Cuba, Palestine, Turkey, as well as widespread support from Africa where 17 countries have condemned the attacks.

The Bolivian government issued a communication insisting on the importance of peace and dialogue between Venezuela's internal political forces, and called for the preservation of stability.

The Ecuadorean government released a communication calling for "unrestricted respect for the democratic order of states, the peaceful resolution of conflicts, non-interference in a coutnry's internal affairs, and the rejection of attempts toward destabilization.

Guatemala also condemned the attacks and called for sincere political dialogue in Venezuela.



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A former police official stole a helicopter on Tuesday afternoon, from the Generalisimo Francisco de Miranda airbase in the Venezuelan capital, and proceeded to fly over over and attack the Supreme Court of Justice and Interior Ministry buildings with grenades. Nobody was injured in the attack.

The Venezuelan Foreign Minister Samuel Moncada described the attack as an "act of terrorism," and has thanked the countries who have condemned the attack for their displays of solidarity.

Moncada denounced the complicity of those countries and international organizations such as the OAS who have <u>failed to condemn the attacks</u> after months of international attempts to interfere in Venezuela's internal affairs.

In the day following the attacks, the United States has not condemned the attacks. Rather U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, Nikki Haley <u>called for increased "pressure"</u> on Venezuelan President Maduro while speaking to the U.S. House Foreign Affairs Committee.