
Trend of Self-Proclaimed 'Presidency' Catches On in Latin America

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In a form of political satire, Colombia, Brazil, Peru, and Ecuador join Venezuela by having their own self-proclaimed "presidents."

Something they all have in common is that none were democratically elected by the people, yet, this did not stop them from self-proclaiming as 'presidents' of their homelands. But with Juan Guaidó's example, Colombia, Brazil, Peru, and Ecuador join Venezuela with brand new self-proclaimed heads of State.

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It all started on Jan. 23 with the attempted coup made by Guaidó. The opposition lawmaker, sworn himself/self-proclaimed as the "interim president" of the country, violating the constitution. Soon after, U.S. President Donald Trump recognized the illegal self-proclaimed president and the same was done by the Secretary General of the Organization of American States (OAS), Luis Almagro and right-wing governments in the region.

Despite repeated calls by Guaidó and the Venezuelan right-wing opposition, backed by the U.S. to oust President Nicolás Maduro, the country's army and its leadership has repeatedly stated its full support for the legitimate government and rejected such calls as interventionist and a breach of the sovereignty of Venezuela.

Even though the majority of world leaders, including Russia and China, have not recognized his

"leadership", most U.S allies, especially the right-wing "Lima group" have.

As a form of protest and political satire of the current political situation, ordinary citizens in Colombia, Peru, Brazil, and Ecuador have decided to follow Guaido's footsteps and also declare themselves president.
