

Defending Venezuela: activists protect the Bolivarian embassy in U.S.

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A group of US activists protect the embassy of Venezuela in the northern country every day to prevent impostor Juan Guaido's representatives from forcibly taking it, it was disclosed recently.

In a note published by opinion and analysis website misionverdad.com, it was released that the demonstrators are members of Codepink group and protect the premises of the embassy in solidarity with Venezuela to prevent those representatives from accessing them by force, as they did in the military attaché office in the same city and in the Venezuelan consulate in New York.

Codepink activists "sleep with blankets on the armchairs of the embassy until Guaido's representatives, in convenience with U.S., give up on the idea to take the diplomatic quarter".

Misionverdad.com echoed a statement of the organization in which it states that "a group of US citizens, upset with the attempt orchestrated by the United States to topple the Venezuelan government, has formed an 'Embassy Protection Collective' (Collectives for Peace) to prevent the embassy from falling into the hands of the unelected opposition".

Previously, Codepink had broken into the sessions of Congress, where Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, and US representative for Venezuela Elliot Abrams were attending, and denounced the hostile actions of the US government against the Bolivarian Revolution of Venezuela now headed by Nicolas Maduro Moros, as well as the possibility of a military intervention in the South American nation.

Now, and according to an article inked by Medea Benjamin, Codepink co-founder, the defense of the embassy of Venezuela in Washington is carried out in a "hand-in-hand work" with the diplomatic staff of the country in the United States. This action is justified on the basis of article 22 of the 1961 Vienna Convention on diplomatic relations, which establishes that the receiving State "must protect the diplomatic quarters of other countries in its territory from any intrusion, disturbance of the peace or impairment of its dignity".



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According to Benjamin, the Trump Administration flagrantly violated that principle, being one of the few countries that has allowed that Venezuela's diplomatic headquarters abroad to be taken by force, along with Costa Rica.

While that is taking place, recalls misionverdad.com, the collective has a large banner just above Venezuela's flag, which reads "end of deadly sanctions" and two more in the columns of the building that are an "imperial checklist" on how to organize a coup d'etat, and a last one on the said consequences of US interventions.

They have also placed thirty-two signs on the windows on the chronology of the last coup attempt, this time led by Juan Guaido.

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