
Cuba Criticizes Foreign Meddling of Venezuela's Internal Affairs

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Foreign powers are stoking the political crisis in Venezuela by emboldening an uncompromising and violent opposition.

The Cuban government has called on the international community [to respect the sovereignty](#) of Venezuela and to stop interfering in its internal affairs.

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Cuba Foreign Minister Bruno Rodriguez said that "Venezuela is a sovereign state, with a democratically elected and legitimate government" after a meeting as part of an official visit to Lisbon to meet his Portuguese counterpart Augusto Santos Silva.

Rodriguez urged "international actors" to avoid "any interference in the internal affairs" of Venezuela.

He reiterated that these actors "should avoid any interference in internal affairs that encourage a coup and extreme violence."

Rodriguez said his country has a "very fraternal" relationship that unites Cuba with Venezuela.

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He added that it is "very important" that the international community issue a statement "in favor of social peace and dialogue."

"I have all the confidence that Venezuelan institutions will respect the law and the Constitution, and I am sure that proper conduct, with full respect for the sovereignty of the state, is appropriate at this moment," Rodriguez said.

Large marches, in support and against the government took place yesterday in Caracas. Three people were killed, including a national guard member, during violent protests by the opposition.
