
Venezuela Offers Shelter to Palestinian Children

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On Thursday President Maduro announced that he is setting up a shelter for Palestinian children who have been orphaned and injured during Israel's assault on the Gaza Strip.

In a speech delivered at the end of the national congress of the United Socialist Party of Venezuela (PSUV), Maduro said he had proposed this plan to the Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America (ALBA).

"I have already decided to build a foster home with the name Hugo Chavez to bring children injured in the war and who have lost their parents, who are without their mothers, who have been orphaned," he said.

He went on to say, "We are going to bring them to Venezuela and raise them with love; and with the agreement of the Palestinian state we are going to find some of these children Venezuelan mothers and fathers."

Maduro also called for a national march on Saturday to support the people of Palestine, "There is no war. Israel, recognized by the UN, is an occupying power which has been evicting Palestinians from their historical territory and has launched a war of extermination to evacuate Gaza and seize the Strip."

Twenty-five percent of those killed by Israel in Palestine over the last month have been children, and 30% percent of those injured have been.

