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**Venezuela's President Nicolas Maduro Survives Drone Attack**

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Venezuela's President Nicolas Maduro has survived an apparent attack on his life during a military parade celebrating the 81st anniversary of the Bolivarian National Guard in the capital, Caracas.

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Communications Minister Jorge Rodriguez confirmed the attack – involving several drones packed with explosives – at a press conference late Saturday, shortly after video of the incident began surfacing on social media.



"President Nicolas Maduro asked me to inform the country about what is happening and extend peace to everyone," Rodriguez said.

"When we were at the military parade 81st anniversary, at the end of the event in Bolivar Avenue in Caracas, at 5:41 p.m. there was an explosion.

"An investigation has already been launched. Several flying objects, like drones, containing explosives were detonated close to the presidential platform and in some locations along the parade.

"The investigation has already produced evidence that this was an attempt against the life of President Nicolas Maduro, but he is completely unharmed."

@NTN24ve [[#VIDEO](#)] En cadena nacional, se observó el momento en que el Jefe de Estado y la primera Dama, Cilia Flores, reaccionan a la explosión y luego aparecen las imágenes de todos los militares en formación que corren ante el hecho irregular. [#4Ago](#) <https://bit.ly/2MkvHBd>

Seven military personnel were reportedly injured in the explosion, but Maduro "has already returned to his normal job," Rodriguez said, adding: "They have failed and they will continue to fail."

Maduro' speech was cut short during the event on Saturday and soldiers were seen running before the televised transmission was cut off.

While Maduro was speaking about Venezuela's economy, the audio suddenly went. He and others on the podium suddenly looked up, startled.

The camera then panned to scores of soldiers who started running, before the transmission was cut.

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