

Maduro Calls For Peace, Non-intervention From US

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During his national tour Venezuelan President Maduro says: 'I will defend this threatened country with my life.'

President of Venezuela Nicolas Maduro continued collecting signatures from citizens from across the country for a petition calling for peace and [non-intervention](#) on behalf of United States President Donald Trump.

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During a speech Monday at the Day of National Dignity commemoration and the 27th anniversary of the military rebellion of 4F (Feb. 4, 1992), Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro swore before authorities, civilians and military that he will defend the homeland with his life against the coup d'etat that is hovering over the nation.

"I swear, 27 years after the awakening of our country that I will be loyal now and forever with dreams of independence and dignity, I swear that I will defend this threatened country with my life and will give peace and victory to the people," assured the president

From the early hours of the morning President Maduro along with president of the National Constituent Assembly, Diosdado Cabello and Minister of Defense Vladimir Padrino Lopez, marched through the streets of the city of Maracay in Aragua state and gave a speech at the historical Cuartel Paez military barracks.

"We are never going to give up our country. We will never surrender the Republic to Yankee imperialism or any others try to step upon this soil disrespectfully. This town will never surrender — it is the land of Bolivar," said the head of state.

He also called on the people to stand firm "in permanent demonstration of conscience."

Maduro said: "We are subjected to a great psychological war, every day and every night." He encouraged those gathered to maintain "nerves of steel, calm and sanity, moral strength, conscience and demonstration to fulfill your role and mission."

Message to Pedro Sanchez

On Monday morning the Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez announced that the government officially recognized lawmaker of the National Assembly Juan Guaido as interim president of Venezuela. The National Assembly has been in contempt since 2016. Maduro responded to Sanchez by saying that if something happens in the country, the prime minister's "will have blood on his hands, will be stained in blood forever, and history will remember him as a president who put himself at the service of Donald Trump's war and interventionist policies."

President Maduro announced that starting Wednesday evening they will collect signatures in the Plaza Bolivar of each Venezuelan city for a letter to be sent to the U.S. demanding that Trump not intervene in Venezuela.

"Do you want to turn our Homeland into a colony of slaves and beggars? We reject this bad and cheap show from this [oligarchy](#). They need mental help. Someday they may have a bit of decorum and dignity," said Maduro to crowds Monday.
