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U.S. Military Still Actively Plotting Against Venezuela

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Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro said that millions of men and women are willing to defend the Bolivarian Revolution.

The United States government is keeping the "military option" open in its bid to overthrow President Nicolas Maduro, the Venezuelan government stated through an official statement.

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"As Venezuela has been denouncing since January, the U.S. instigates, promotes, organizes and finances an irresponsible campaign aimed at change of government by force, which demonstrates its contempt for sovereignty, peace and democracy."

This assessment seemed to have been confirmed Saturday when U.S. Southern Command head, Craig Faller, expressed that "we are ready!" to talk with Venezuelan opposition politician Juan Guaido about ways of supporting his actions.

For its part, the Bolivarian National Armed Forces (FANB) rejected Faller's statements and Defense Minister Vladimir Padrino Lopez invited him to visit Venezuela.

As Foreign Minister Jorge Arreaza also reminded that Guaido's failed coup was "planned, financed and directed" from Washington, Venezuela's ambassador to the United Nations Samuel Moncada, warned about new tactics to provoke an intervention.

"The shift is not from war to diplomacy but rather it is from a direct conflict to a war between Colombia and Venezuela," Moncada said and explained that "they are now joining the economic suffocation with provocations at

the border in order to light that spark capable of setting the prairie on fire."

On Saturday, the [opposition politician Juan Guaido](#), who proclaimed himself "president" and led an attempted coup d'etat on April 30, asked Carlos Vecchio, his U.S.-based spokesman, to meet with U.S. Southern Command to coordinate "cooperation" in the Venezuelan case.

"We have instructed our ambassador Carlos Vecchio to meet with Southern Command in order to establish cooperation relations", he said through Twitter.

Guaido also maintains that he has spoken with China to find a solution to the political impasse through the intervention of International Contact Group (GIC) foreign ministers.

In response to the Venezuelan far-right's aggressions, President Maduro indicated that millions of Venezuelans are willing to defend their revolution.

"I will never surrender, I will never betray the people. ... If you want a coward, look for him among the traitors, don't look for him among the revolutionaries, bolivarians, chavistas and patriots who stand up and move forward," he said Friday at the graduation of 20,000 high school students in Caracas.

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