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Venezuela's Air Space Violated by the United States and Territorial Space violated by Colombia

Venezuela has denounced the violation of its territorial and air space by Colombia and the United States over two successive days



During a press conference, the Minister of People's Power for Defense, Gustavo Rangel Briceño, denounced on Monday, May 19, that a U.S. fighter violated the Venezuelan air space on Saturday night, one day after Caracas complained about a Colombian army's incursion into Venezuelan territory.

According to Rangel, who read loud an excerpt of the conversation between the Venezuelan control tower and a U.S. pilot, explained that the latter was not aware he was in Venezuelan territory and that his course was set to the Caribbean Curaçao island during a flight exercise. At the same press conference, the Venezuelan Foreign Affairs Minister, Nicolás Maduro, announced he talked with his Colombian counterpart, Fernando Araujo, about the incursion of the Colombian military into Venezuelan territory. He said they both agreed on activating diplomatic mechanisms in order to settle cross-border conflicts via diplomatic means.

Regarding the U.S. fighter, Maduro said he will arrange a meeting with the U.S. Ambassador to Venezuela, Patrick Duddy, in order to demand an explanation.

On Saturday, Venezuela protested the Colombian military incursion; however, on Sunday, the Colombian Defense Minister, Juan Manuel Santos, denied it was an "act of provocation" as the Venezuelan government described it.

On March 1, Colombian troops illegally entered Ecuadorian territory in order to bombard a temporary FARC camp. During the attack, the Colombian army slaughtered over 24 people (guerrilla members and civilians), including the FARC second-in-command, Raul Reyes, four Mexican students and an Ecuadorian citizen.

The violation to Ecuador's sovereignty led this country to break diplomatic relations with Colombian, whose government defended the attack and justified it as part of its war against "terrorism."
TeleSUR / May 19. 2008

Venezuelan Government Not Pleased with U.S. Explanations of Airspace Violation



After a meeting with the U.S. Ambassador to Venezuela, the Venezuelan Foreign Affairs Minister, Nicolas Maduro, said that the Venezuelan government was not pleased with the response regarding the U.S. violation of the Venezuelan airspace.

“They have accepted it happened (...) We demand the U.S. government to prevent this kind of event from happening again. Our radar systems are working and we could detect this kind of event, such as the one happening on May 17.”

The Venezuelan official stressed that they also talked about the participation of U.S. officials in the “show” staged by the Colombian government and the Interpol Secretary General, Ronald Noble, regarding the alleged laptop found in a FARC camp on March 1, and the Interpol report.

“I suggested to him that he read the report so that he could notice that Ronald Noble says one thing, and the report states a different thing about the violation of the chain of custody, and the modification of files in the documents contained in that laptop,” he explained.

Finally, he announced that next Friday, the President of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Hugo Chávez, will attend the South American Union of Nations (UNASUR, Spanish acronym) Summit.

“We are going to found UNASUR, something nobody could even think of when we were brought to our knees by the Empire.”

Venezolana de Televisión (VTVT) / May 20, 2008

Embassy of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to the United States of America : Statement

The Embassy of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela in Washington, DC, would like to warn the international community with regards to the serious manipulation that a number of political sectors and news outlets have spread due to the report issued by INTERPOL on Thursday, May 15, 2008.

It is of public knowledge that the only aspect the report issued by the International Criminal Police INTERPOL acknowledges is that the alleged computers found by the Colombian Armed Forces had apparently not been altered. A different matter is the alleged content of these computers. This supposed content, and without previous authorization from INTERPOL, has been manipulated, widespread and turned into propaganda by the Colombian government, as well as officials from the United States and Colombia, who have spread the most reckless and irresponsible accusations against the government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

It is with utter concern that we question the intentions of these sectors that, without any substance, have become accessories in this evident campaign against the government of Venezuela. Do these

sectors hope to end any possibility of a humanitarian agreement in Colombia? Are they hoping to internationalize the conflict in Colombia and spread it in order to destabilize Latin America? Or do they intend to use these alleged arguments in order to fulfill the old intention of including Venezuela on the list of countries that sponsor terrorism? Even more worrisome is how evident this campaign articulation is and which closely resembles the steps usually taken by the Bush administration in order to generate - even without any proofs - instability and wars in other countries. **Washington, DC, May 15, 2008**

Venezuela Raises Its Proven Crude Reserves to 130 billion Barrels



Today, over 30 billion barrels of additional proven crude reserves from the Orinoco Oil Belt were officially announced; as a result of the quantification and certification project of our main exportation resource developed by the Bolivarian government in 2006.

During the opening of the First South American Energy Council, held in Caracas at PDVSA's headquarters in La Campiña, the Minister for Energy and Petroleum and President of Petroleos de Venezuela, Rafael Ramirez, signed the resolution that makes these new reserves official. "The proven reserves existing in the country

by December 31 amounted to 99.4 billion of normal oil barrels." Today, Venezuela holds 12.9 billion of proven normal oil barrels."

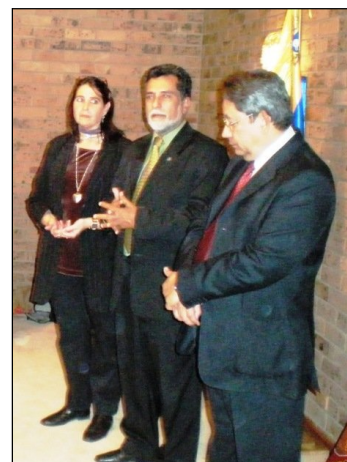
These reserves come from the field 'Junin 4 Block', where the joint venture Petrocedeño is participating; from the Ayacucho field, 'Ayacucho 7 Block' the Iranian company Petropar is participating; from the Carabobo field, where the joint venture Petromonagas is participating; plus the support of the proven reserves of the blocks 'Carabobo 1, 2, 3 and 4'. According to the resolution of the Energy and Oil Ministry, in charge of making figures official, around 30 billion oil barrels of additional proven crude reserves recently included represent 60 fields of 500 million oil barrels each. By the end of 2009, around 320,000 billion oil barrels of proven reserves will be certified.

Within the framework of full oil sovereignty, the total oil proven reserves will be the basis of the creation and application of the policies of the hydrocarbon sector in Venezuela.

Presidential Press Office / May 14, 2008

BOLIVARIAN EMBASSY ACTIVITIES

In addition to the regular schedule of meetings and Public Lectures in May, the Embassy of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela Embassy was delighted to welcome our honored guest, FMLN Representative and Member of the Central American Parliament for El Salvador, Jorge Schafik Handal Vega, who was visiting Australia on a national solidarity tour in May. The reception hosted at the Embassy in Canberra was well attended by many within the Latin American and International Community as well as our Australian friends, supporting the strengthening of democracy in El Salvador, as in 2009 that tiny Central American nation faces it's first combined Presidential and Parliamentary elections since the signing of the Peace Accords to end the civil war.





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