



EMBASSY OF THE BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA IN AUSTRALIA

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President Chavez: Venezuela-Colombia Relations frozen



Caracas, Nov 26th (ABN). - 'I declare to the world that I am putting relations with Colombia in the freezer. I do not believe in the Colombian government.'

Venezuela's President Hugo Chávez said it to reply a communiqué issued by the Colombian government last Saturday, in which it ends the humanitarian hostages swap hold by the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (Farc).

'We made an effort, but I think the Colombian government does not want peace. Now, I am convinced, the kick they gave to the table was to avoid the path of peace and, of course, I lost confidence in Uribe,' Venezuela's President said.

Chávez described President Uribe's decision as a 'spit in the face of Venezuela.'

President Chávez said it was very rude the way President Uribe issued a communiqué in which he ended not only President Chávez' mediator role, but also Uribe denied the possibility of reaching a humanitarian hostages swap 'without giving the face.'

'Colombia deserves a better President because it is an honorable people,' and added, 'we want unity and peace for Colombia, the supreme dream of Bolívar and Miranda,' Chávez said.

President Chávez said that both Presidents had decided to be in contact in the case of any difficulty that could put the process at risk, 'Uribe broke this agreement and now they say I am guilty. I feel the pain of all the hostage's relatives.'

President Chávez' remarks were made after inaugurating Sunday the Irrigation System El Diluvio-Palmar, first stage of the Socialist Agrarian Development Project in Maracaibo, Zulia state. The project is expected to be ended in 2010.

National Electoral Council: Over 60,000 Overseas voters



Caracas, Nov 26 (ABN).- A total of exactly sixty thousand and ten Venezuelans resident overseas will be able to exercise their right to vote next December 2 in the Embassies of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela abroad.

A summary about the electoral infrastructure presented by the National Electoral Council (CNE) reads that Venezuela has 125 voting centers around the world, one voting center in each embassy, where Venezuelan voters will vote manually in 212 voting tables.

That amount of people is part of the 16 million 109 thousand 664 Venezuelan's that are able to vote at the Constitutional referendum, out of which 16 million 12 thousand 248 will do it in an automated way around the whole country, and the rest will vote manually.

Venezuela's Automated Voting Machines Audited



Caracas, Nov 26 (ABN). - The National Electoral Council of Venezuela (CNE-Spanish abbreviation) has completed the Zero Error audit, carried out with a sample of 0.5% of the vote machines which will be used for the referendum on December 2, when Venezuelan's will decide

whether or not they agree with the constitution reforms proposed by the President of the Republic, Hugo Chávez Frías.

President of the CNE, Tibisay Lucena, stated that the audit was conducted with the participation of witnesses and technicians of each block – Yes and No - for the referendum. Lucena added that the objective of this last audit, which was done to 171 machines one week before the referendum, “looks for guaranteeing the quality in the data transmission obtained after the (referendum) process”.

She pointed out that the tests consist of dismantling and assembling the machines, software revision, and a simulation of the whole electoral process in order to verify that everything is in keeping with CNE’s protocols. Furthermore, Tibisay Lucena stressed that this time three additional tests were carried out, requested by the blocks: data transmission, number of voters’ verification, and software’s verification.

The tests took place from 09:00 am to 6:00 pm last Sunday. She reminded that all the audits carried out have been supported by both sides (in favor and against the reform) and the results of the audit could be made public this Monday 26. After the referendum process, 54.37% of the machines will be audited.

Finally, an afterward audit will be carried out, which is one that is done to the machines when they come back to the warehouse, with a sample of 1% of the total machines’ number.

Women’s participation in the Revolution



Caracas, Nov 27th (ABN).- Commander and leader of the Bolivarian Revolution, President Hugo Chávez expressed Tuesday his wish that women have more participation in the Bolivarian Revolution.

During the activity ‘Women for the Yes, Yes’ vote for the constitutional reform, held in Caracas, Chávez said that the fundamental work promoted by the women has to be cultural liberation.

‘Women have real skill for politics, arts; for surviving in very adverse conditions. To have success,

it is necessary that woman have more power,' he reaffirmed. Furthermore, he said that he will not rest until 'we have a free and big land.'

The Venezuelan women, dressed with red shirts, reaffirmed their commitment with the Bolivarian Revolution.

National Assembly's chair, Cilia Flores, President of the Women National Institute (Inamujer), María León, members of the social mission Mothers of the Neighborhood, Negra Hipólita among others, attended the activity.

President Chavez: Reforms = People's Power



Caracas, Nov 23 (ABN).- “The reform represents the equation of a new power, which joins the Constitution of 1999 to transform the classical political power into people’s power. It is the social State”, said the President Hugo Chávez Frías, who proposed the Constitutional Reform Project.

At the program La Hojilla, broadcast by the state-owned television channel Venezolana de Televisión, Chávez stated that people’s power “rides over the whole proposal”.

The whole development of the geometry of the power revolves around the power of the Venezuelan people, as well as the creation of the communes, functional districts, and federal municipalities.

The People’s Power will be organized in the national territory. Each community gathers, creates its communal council, other communities join, and then they form a commune. “That is the People’s Power of the base, constituent, and original”, added Chávez.

Likewise, the commander Hugo Chávez ratified his call to vote at the approval referendum next December 2. “Do not waste your vote, because those voting No are going to lose their vote, gone with the wind. Vote Yes”, he stated.

Economic Growth in Venezuela

Caracas, Nov 23 (ABN).- The President of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Hugo Chávez Frías, who proposed a National Constitution reform, stated this Friday that the Venezuelan economy is the one that has a higher growth in the world, because “we took poverty to 7.6%, lending rate to 20%, minimum wage was at 36 dollars and we (the Bolivarian Government) took it to 300 dollars”.

At the program La Hojilla, broadcast by the state-owned television channel Venezolana de Televisión, Chávez pointed out that anti-chavist businessmen, who pretend to be worried about the poverty in the country, what are really defending are the large-states and monopolies.

On the other hand, he ratified that those that vote Yes on December 2 “are voting for me. Those voting No are against me”. The Constitutional Reform Project, approved by the National Assembly, will be consulted to the people with an approval referendum next December 2.

BOLIVARIAN EMBASSY ACTIVITIES

Nelson Dávila, Charge d’Affaires commenced his East Coast public meeting tour with the Australia Venezuela Solidarity Network by presenting a forum on “Constitutional reforms and Media Lies” on Saturday November 17 at the University of Technology. The next meeting is in Brisbane – a public meeting titled” Constitutional reforms, Democracy and People’s Power” on Friday, November 30, 6.30pm at the CEPU building, 41 Peel St, South Brisbane Ph 3831 2644/ 0439411330 (Marg) for more info.

Nelson Dávila also travelled to the University of Melbourne’s Latin America Forum, where in conjunction with the Latin American Heads of Mission and the Council on Australia Latin America Relations he spoke on the topics of the Petroleum Industry and Venezuela.

COMING ACTIVITIES:

CONSTITUTIONAL REFORMS AND SOCIALISM OF THE 21ST CENTURY MELBOURNE 8th DECEMBER ETU OFFICES MELBOURNE CBD 3PM (0438447063 JODY)

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