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Trump Reportedly Considering Strikes Inside Venezuela To Weaken Maduro

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President Donald Trump (PHOTO: PHOTO BY ANDREW HARNIK/GETTY IMAGES)

President **Donald Trump** has been presented with several options for military strikes against the **Venezuelan** regime, including striking inside the country, according to a new report.

CNN **detailed** that Tuesday's strike against a vessel that left the country was the beginning of a much larger effort against cartels in the region.

Trump was directly asked if he would like to see regime change in Venezuela. "We're not talking about that," he responded. However, he did say "we are talking about the fact that (Venezuela) had an election, which was a very strange election, to put it mildly."

He was making reference to the contested election in which authoritarian President Nicolas Maduro claimed victory without presenting supporting evidence. The

opposition, in contrast, showed its own tallying proclaiming Edmundo Gonzalez Urrutia as the victor by a large majority.

Others in the U.S., however, are directly **telling** Maduro to relinquish power. One of them was Republican Sen. Bernie Moreno, who told him "you have to make a call: leave Venezuela alive or dead."



Speaking to La Voz, Moreno also claimed Maduro has been using cocaine: "Drug traffickers don't have to use the substances they sell. Maduro is using a lot of cocaine rather than selling it. He's a crazy man. I never sent him a message but I do it now," the senator said before making the threat.

"There cannot be peace in Colombia and South America if this crazy man doesn't leave. The **Venezuelan** people are worse off because he's there. They are leaving the country, it's a mess."

Maduro, on his end, said the regime he leads is "standing on the front lines" against "Nazi extremist movements" coming from the north, a reference to the U.S.

"It's a Nazi extremist movement seeking to undermine peace in South America. They intend to continue attacking people's rights around the world," Maduro said.

He went on to say that Venezuela "was attacked by Nazis between 1942 and 1944 in the Caribbean." "Under another narrative, we were attacked by the British empire: they sent 21 ships and our people, who didn't have any resources, stood its ground with sticks, stones, knives, machetes, and we defeated them," he added. "We're not stupid, nor we will ever be."

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