



# EMBASSY OF THE BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA IN AUSTRALIA

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### Simón Bolívar Satellite to Break through Communications Borders in Latin America



The Simón Bolívar satellite, which will be launched from China on November 1, will pave the way for breaking through communication borders in Latin America, said the Minister of People's Power for Science and Technology Nuris Orihuela.

"We will have a tool allowing us to say that there are no borders, or places in our region we can not reach; we will be able to provide access to Internet, television..." pointed out Orihuela.

The Venezuelan science and technology minister is in China supervising the details of moving the satellite to its launching platform and participating in the 7<sup>th</sup> Venezuela-China High Level Joint Commission, which will be close by President Chávez during his visit to the Asian country.

"We were blocked by the United States; the United States put a technological embargo on us. We have broken through this embargo. Ten years ago, we could not think about having a satellite in Venezuela. In addition, the satellite we will launch on November 1 will be a school satellite," said President Hugo Chávez as he arrived in the Beijing International Airport.

Venezuela plans to launch at least two more satellites in the coming years, and create a national school of space technology. Over 100 Venezuelan have been trained and taken technical studies in China to operate and control the satellite thanks to the technological transfer provided for by agreements endorsed by Venezuela and China.

Orihuela explained that Venesat 1 Project is a platform to manage all telecommunication traffic with state-of-the-art digital technology, thus making it possible to reach places microwave and optic fiber can not.

The Simon Bolívar satellite, whose aim is not commercial, will contribute to improving the standard of living of far-way populations.

"Everything will depend on our management. We now have the technology, the tools. Giving solutions to our people will depend on our management will," asserted Orihuela.

"The satellite weighs 5,100 kilograms; it has a 15-year lifespan, and 3 bands. These antennas allow us to provide KU band-based services, which include communications (telephone systems, Internet, video conferences, telemedicine, and teleeducation)," she explains.

The satellite antennas are oriented to the North (Ku band), including the Caribbean and Colombia; to the South (Ku band), including Bolivia, Peru and Paraguay; to the East (C band), including Central America, South America and the Caribbean; and to the West (Ka band), to South America.

The Venezuelan official highlighted that the launching of this satellite will prove that countries like Venezuela can break through technological barriers "never thought in the space field."

Presidential Press Office / September 23, 2008

## **Venezuela Is Able to Resist the World Financial Storm**

"Venezuela is able to resist the world financial storm. The country continues on its way calmly, thanks to the measures we have taken since many years ago."

These were the words of the President of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Hugo Chavez during a Budget Committee gathering, in Miraflores Palace.

### **Media Pretend to Deny the Existence of a Financial Catastrophe of the West**

The President also said that the private mass media are trying to minimize and even to deny the effects of that great financial catastrophe of the West.

During the Budget Committee gathering, the head of the State mentioned that those same media ignored the assassination plans against Hugo Chavez.

The Venezuelan President quoted Fidel Castro, who says in one of his latest writings said that the US goes through a very deep financial crisis.

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## Statement re Expulsion of Foreign Agents by the Venezuelan Ambassador to the Organisation of American States : Roy Chaderton Mato



The Americas Director of Human Rights Watch José Miguel Vivanco has repeated his routine visit to Venezuela two months before each electoral process, when polls show relevant advantages of the political trends supporting President Hugo Chávez and the Bolivarian process.

He was ambiguous and unenthusiastic in his statement about the supporters of President Evo Morales killed by opposition terrorist groups in Bolivia; and harsh and deceitful to discredit Venezuelan democracy on behalf of the interests making him prosperous.

Linked with the pro-Pinochet right wing of the Chilean Christian democracy, which has been committed to pro-coup plots against President Chávez, together with the Christian Democrat Organisation of America, for a decade, he presents a 267 page report, whose unusual title “Una Década de Chávez” (A Decade of Chávez) is a propaganda trick which shows the political, electoral aim of this pamphlet.

Silent before new evidences of a pro-coup and assassination plot in Venezuela, he operates with special financing to support destabilisation attempts against the Venezuelan democracy, and invests the extra funds received from his U.S. neoliberal sources with no sign of embarrassment that he serves such aims.

By drafting a script to the liking of his superiors about the situation of Venezuela, he deliberately ignores the recent international statements acknowledging the independence of the Judicial Power of Venezuela, and hides the characteristics of our extreme democracy: extreme freedom of expression, extreme participation and extreme commitment to social justice.

Convinced of the political power of the media outlets who are enemies of progressive democracies, he orchestrates his denouncements with the Inter-American Press Association, Spanish newspaper El País, Mexican newspaper El Universal, Colombian newspaper El Tiempo, Chilean newspaper El Mercurio, U.S. network Fox, and Venezuelan TV station Globovisión, among others.

Caught ought when flagrantly violating the Laws protecting Venezuelan democracy, he has received a deserved sanction and he will be faced and confronted wherever he aims his slanderous sermon.

**Washington D.C., September 19, 2008**

## Statement of the Foreign Ministry regarding the Expulsion of the 'Human Rights Watch' agents from Venezuela



The government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, having known and evaluated the public statements delivered by José Miguel Vivanco; having determined that this citizen, with Chilean passport 8634760 – 1, has violated the Constitution and Laws of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela by attacking the institutions of the Venezuelan democracy and illegally meddling in our country's domestic affairs; and based on the Constitutional values of defense to the Venezuelan sovereignty and the dignity of the Venezuelan people, has decided to expel the aforementioned citizen, together with his companion Daniel Wilkinson, U.S. passport 710821A39, from Venezuelan territory.

It is a policy of the Venezuelan state, abiding by the values of the most advanced and democratic Constitution our country has ever had in its history, to enforce national sovereignty and guarantee defense to Venezuelan institutions and people against attacks coming from international factors protecting the interests linked to and financed by the government of the United States of America, which has deployed a strategy of unacceptable aggression against our people behind the robes of 'Human Rights defenders'.

This is the reason why, in the full exercise of Venezuelan sovereignty and on behalf of the Venezuelan people, we inform the aforementioned citizens they must immediately abandon the homeland of the Liberator Simón Bolívar.

Caracas, September 18, 2008

## BOLIVARIAN EMBASSY ACTIVITIES SEPTEMBER 2008



Venezuelan Charge d'Affaires a.i. Nelson Dávila at the swearing in of Australia's new Governor General Her Excellency Quentin Bryce AOM at Parliament House September 5<sup>th</sup>

**11 September 1973-2008:** Charge d'Affaires a.i. Mr Nelson Dávila was a guest speaker at the Melbourne activities in commemoration of the Coup d'etat against the democratically elected President of Chile, Salvador Allende. Mr Dávila emphasized in his speech that that these activities were a very timely reminder given the coup attempts which were revealed in Paraguay and Venezuela in recent weeks, and the Coup which was underway in Bolivia but subsequently defeated and unanimously condemned by the governments of South America.



For anyone who would like to join us in Canberra, the Embassy is participating at the University Of Canberra International Day Of Languages with a workshop, display and information on **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September from 10am-5pm**, including a lecture on languages by Charge d'Affaires a.i. Nelson Davila at 3pm. Call 62902968 for more information.

## **New Book: Voices from Venezuela – Behind the Bolivarian Revolution**

The Embassy, in conjunction with the Australia Venezuela Solidarity Network, is delighted to welcome the publication of the book "Voices from Venezuela – Behind the Bolivarian Revolution" by Australians Dr Coral Wynter and Jim McIlroy, who resided in Venezuela in 2006-2007 and who have led several visits of Australians in Solidarity Brigades for the Australia Venezuela Solidarity Network since it was founded in 2004. The Charge d'Affaires a.i. Nelson Dávila is delighted to jointly sponsor the Launches with the AVSN. These activities will be held across the eastern seaboard of Australia starting and finishing in the authors' home city of Brisbane, Queensland:



- Brisbane 26<sup>th</sup> September
- Sydney 30<sup>th</sup> September
- Canberra 1<sup>st</sup> October
- Wollongong 4<sup>th</sup> October
- Newcastle 6<sup>th</sup> October
- Melbourne 8<sup>th</sup> October
- Brisbane 20<sup>th</sup> October

Please call 0262902968 to RSVP or for more information on the Book Launch events.

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