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STOP THE US WAR ON VENEZUELA

A Statement by the Socialist Workers Movement of Kenya (SOWOMO)

The Socialist Workers Movement of Kenya (SOWOMO) strongly condemns the criminal military attack launched by the United States against the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela. We stand in full solidarity with the Venezuelan people and their right to determine their future free from foreign domination.

In the early hours of 3 January 2025, US forces bombed civilian and military targets across Venezuela, including Fort Tiuna, La Carlota airport, and locations in Miranda, Aragua, and La Guaira. Residential areas were reportedly struck, and the Cuartel de la Montaña, where Comandante Hugo Chávez is buried, was among the sites attacked.

US President Donald Trump has publicly claimed that President Nicolás Maduro and his wife were captured and forcibly removed from the country. This constitutes the abduction of a sitting head of state, a serious crime under international law and a direct assault on national sovereignty.

SOWOMO affirms its unconditional solidarity with the Venezuelan people and their democratically elected Bolivarian government. The Bolivarian Revolution is not about one leader, it is a popular process rooted in the organised power of workers, peasants, women, and youth.

Why Kenyans Must Oppose This War

This attack is not a distant issue for Kenyans. The same imperial system that bombs Venezuela is the one that:

- Imposes IMF and World Bank austerity on Kenya,
- Forces fuel price hikes, VAT increases, and cuts to public services,
- Encourages privatisation of health, education, and energy,
- Expands foreign military presence across Africa in the name of “security.”

Kenyan workers and poor people are paying for a global system that enriches multinational corporations while condemning the Global South to debt, poverty, and repression. Venezuela is being punished for refusing this model and asserting control over its oil and natural resources.

A Colonial War for Resources

Venezuela holds the largest proven oil reserves in the world. This war has nothing to do with “counter-narcotics” or “democracy.” It is about resource theft and regime change.

The same logic has been applied across Africa from Libya to the Congo, where foreign powers destabilise nations that seek control over their wealth. For



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Kenyans, this should sound familiar. Our land, labour, and public resources are constantly subjected to external pressure in the interests of foreign capital.

Lessons from Libya: A Warning to Africa

Africans know this script. In 2011, NATO destroyed Libya under the false pretext of protecting civilians. The result was the collapse of a sovereign African state, the assassination of Muammar Gaddafi, and a decade of instability that continues to fuel insecurity across the continent.

Venezuela today faces the same playbook: sanctions, propaganda, diplomatic isolation, and now open military aggression. This is a warning not just to Latin America, but to Africa as a whole. Any country that resists imperial control risks being targeted.

International Law Means Nothing to Imperialism

The US attack on Venezuela violates the United Nations Charter and all principles of international law. Yet Kenyans are not surprised. International law has never protected Iraq, Libya, Palestine or African nations facing coups, sanctions, and foreign interference.

The so-called “rules-based order” protects imperial interests, not ordinary people. That is why Kenyans cannot rely on global institutions dominated by powerful states to defend justice or sovereignty.

Kenya, Africa, and Latin America: One Struggle

The struggles of Kenyan workers are linked to those of Venezuelan oil workers, Palestinian resistance, Sudanese revolutionaries, and Congolese communities resisting resource plunder.

Cuba stood with Africa in the fight against apartheid. Hugo Chávez stood with Africa in the fight for a united Global South. Today, standing with Venezuela is part of defending Africa’s future.

The growing role of AFRICOM on the continent mirrors US military operations in Latin America. If the kidnapping of a president and the bombing of a capital city go unchallenged today, no African country is safe tomorrow.

SOWOMO’s Call to Action in Kenya

The Socialist Workers Movement of Kenya calls on:

- ❖ Kenyan trade unions, social movements, student organisations, and left parties to organise protests at the US Embassy in Nairobi, hold teach-ins, and raise political awareness in workplaces, campuses, and communities.
- ❖ The Government of Kenya to break its silence, condemn the attack on Venezuela, and reject participation in imperial military alliances that undermine African sovereignty.



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- ❖ The African Union to take a firm stand against this act of war and convene an emergency continental response.
- ❖ Progressive forces globally to recognise that Venezuela, Palestine, Sudan, and the Congo are battlegrounds in one global struggle against exploitation, militarism, and imperialism.

As Comandante Hugo Chávez reminded the oppressed of the world:
“Unity, struggle, battle, and victory.”

The Venezuelan people have taken to the streets.
Kenyan workers and youth must raise their voices in solidarity.

In solidarity,
Socialist Workers Movement of Kenya (SOWOMO)