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## Statement

We condemn the U.S. military intervention in Venezuela!

The Venezuelan revolution continues to fight on!

We, the activist group Shisō Undō, condemn with utmost fury the U.S. military attack on Venezuela on January 3. The U.S. military launched a hybrid military attack against Venezuela—a sovereign nation striving for socialism—deploying over 150 aircraft and elite forces. This attack disabled communications, power supply, and air defense systems, assaulted President Maduro's security compound, and abducted President Maduro and his wife to the U.S. (resulting in over 50 casualties, including 32 Cuban internationalists).

Throughout this period, the Trump administration has repeatedly launched armed attacks on small vessels passing through the Caribbean Sea off Venezuela's coast, labeling them “drug smuggling vessels.” Without revealing any evidence to justify these attacks or details of the victims, they have killed over 100 people. The U.S. military has deployed a carrier strike group centered on an advanced nuclear-powered aircraft carrier to the Caribbean, with over 15,000 personnel deployed.

Following this military intervention, Trump asserted that “the United States will run Venezuela.” However, the Venezuelan people, military, and government remain united, continuing their struggle with the resolve that “we will never be colonized again.”

The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela has suffered severe damage from this U.S. military intervention and faces a critical situation. However, despite various disinformation campaigns by the Trump administration and mass media, it continues to maintain control of state power, demonstrating its resilience and stability.

Meanwhile, at a January 6 press conference, Chief Cabinet Secretary Kihara Minoru stated regarding the U.S. military attack on Venezuela: “Japan is not a direct party involved and is not in a position to fully grasp the detailed facts. We refrain from commenting as a government, including on legal assessments.” By failing to condemn this vicious act of U.S. imperialism, he effectively endorsed it and became complicit in this crime.

What is now required of us in Japan is to expose the false information being spread by the Trump administration and its accomplices and expand the front to defeat it.

Faced with the growing danger of U.S. military intervention in Venezuela at the end of December, we urgently planned a lecture on January 31 (Saturday) in cooperation with HOWS (Hongo Cultural Forum Workers' School), the “mutual learning plaza for change”: “NO! to U.S. War on Venezuela! – The Growing Danger of Military Intervention by the Trump Administration.” In our call for participation, we stated: “We want to accurately grasp the war crisis Venezuela faces now and discuss together what we living in Japan can do.”

We call upon the broad masses of working people in Japan to condemn the outrageous acts of U.S. imperialism's military intervention and regime-change schemes against Venezuela, to express solidarity with the Venezuelan people, and to take actions together.

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