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Government made the State faint by turning its back on its duties



The humanitarian emergency the country is immersed in demands a revision of the functioning of the State, which was conceived “to assure the right to life, to work, to culture, to education, to social justice, and to equality, with no discrimination nor any form of subordination”. Nonetheless, the governmental actions –especially the monopoly of all functions held by the executive

power– have made the State lose a great deal of its reason to be.

Basic principles that are clearly established in our Constitution’s foreword, are subsequently developed along its articles; but they seem to be just words to most disappointed citizens. Obligations of the State in fundamental matters, such as security and justice, and other vitally important issues –health, education, food, and public services– are not accomplished and are left aside. We may talk about a negligent State, and also about a totally absent State.

Many are the constitutional guarantees presently unattended by the government. Either intentional or not, this omission is mainly the

Executive’s responsibility. The attitude during the last years –inaction and inefficiency– has sentenced the Venezuelan population to suffer the rigor reflected by the worst social and economical statistics in our history. All of us are forced to endure a very limited access to fundamental rights: to security, to health, to justice, and to food.



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Espacio Público - www.espaciopublico.org

Daily El Siglo ceases as a daily due to the lack of inputs



The lack of inputs for printing is the reasons why daily El Siglo –state of Aragua– began to circulate only from Sundays to Wednesdays since June’s last week. The managerial board of the newspaper explained that it is progressively more difficult acceding to press paper and plates; therefore, editions corresponding to Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays will be now available only via

Internet, at their website. This happens today, after more of 45 years of El Siglo’s daily arrival to the hands of people in Aragua.

“Daily El Siglo will circulate as usual from Sundays to Wednesdays, since the lack of inputs makes impossible for this editors house to go on printing a newspaper that, for over 45 years, has been a faithful informer and companion to araguaians”, says a special report on the shutdown of mass media and censorship.

The newspaper will be active through social networks, as it makes an effort to reverse the situation, the shortage of inputs, especially paper, plates, and developing chemicals. Access to those items is totally clogged by Corporación Alfredo Maneiro in the internal market.



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Un Mundo Sin Mordaza - www.sinmordaza.org

SNTP: “An alarming number of journalists have left the country”



An inform emitted by National Union of Press Workers (SNTP) affirms that “it is alarming, the number of journalists that have left the country”.

Marco Ruiz, General Secretary of the Union, said that the figure is equivalent to the number of graduates along 20 promotions of social communicators, that is: 1.300; and those journalists have had to emigrate –since 2012– due to labor harassment,

or to the hostile overall conditions in Venezuela.

Just in 2018, at least 177 journalists have attended SNTP for transacting an international credential, because they are going abroad. Besides, 24 “illegal and arbitrary” detentions of journalists have been reported during the last 6 months.

Marco Ruiz explained that, within the same period, journalists who cover the source of National Assembly have been physically attacked or impeded to work, a violation to the right of freedom of speech. Ruiz pointed out that Nicolás Maduro’s government use concessions to manipulate radio-electric mass media. On top of all that, eight dailies have definitely shut down; two dailies are weeklies now; and four digital media have been

affected by punitive measures, such as temporary closings. Among others, El Nacional Web, El Pitazo, Vendata, and Globovisión were punished, warned and/ or “rebuked” by National Commission of Telecommunications (CONATEL).



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PROVEA - www.derechos.org.ve

Dictatorship in Comics



“Comic for Democracy” is a PROVEA’s initiative that aims to transmit the message on Human Rights to new and broader audiences, by means of a newly format. Besides, this movement supports the talents of a group of young Venezuelans, who vividly desire the return of Democracy, Social Justice, and the full coming back in force of Human Rights, indiscriminately.

Within this initiative, comics are the happy result of a creative effort, which serves to make clearly visible the collective indignation for the present situation in Venezuela.

If you want to contribute, concerning future editions, do it! Email: coordinacion.general@derechos.org.ve

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Transparencia Venezuela - www.transparencia.org.ve

Venezuelan Government favors the military when assigning additional resources



The weight of boots and olive-green uniforms is getting progressively heavier within Venezuelan Government. The military are not only the favorite candidates when selecting the Heads of Ministries and public entities, but they also are the first in the list when sharing out economic resources.

Transparencia Venezuela is watching the process of additional resources approved by the government. Until now, our follow-up allows us to point out that the Ministry of Defense is among the first five entities that have been granted extra-budgetary resources in 2018. Between January and June, the military have got approvals to 11 solicited credits, which add up to Bs.F 36.131.051.079.471,30. This sum overpass our 2018 National Budget, that is Bs.F 36.102.059.000.000.

Just before the May 20 presidential election, the Executive approved 4 credits for the military. One of them -Bs.F 1.705.990.876.416- was destined to cover per-diem; another -Bs.F 583.595.915.374,76- was destined to increase the operational sizing of Bolivarian National Armed Force (FANB); and the other two -jointly adding up to Bs.F 1.998.238.000.000 - were destined to settle bonuses that privileged Militia and military personnel.

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Codevida - www.codevida.org

In Canada, Francisco Valencia explains the impact of humanitarian emergency



Francisco Valencia, Director of Coalition of Organizations for the Right to Health and Life (CODEVIDA) visited the city of Ottawa and met with Canadian officers, in order to analyze Venezuelan crisis and Codevida's work. Valencia won the Human Rights Prize 2018, a high-profile honor granted to Human Rights defenders by the Embassy of Canada in Venezuela.

When interviewed by Canadian The Globe and Mail, Valencia praised the government of Canada for its

focusing on Venezuelan crisis. This concern includes numerous denounces made by Minister of Foreign Affairs, Chrystia Freeland; economic sanctions against Nicolás Maduro's regime officers; and delivering humanitarian help. "In my opinion, Canada is the Country that has denounced the most about violations of Human Rights in Venezuela; and it also was the most efficient one, as for financing on humanitarian matters. Other countries should be doing as much as Canada".

Valencia applauded Canadian officers' work: they have met with groups that are worried for Venezuela, aiming to comprehend the complex humanitarian situation this country is going through. He also said that it is indispensable to count on other nations' similar efforts, as a way to appreciate the importance of violations of Human Rights that are committed in Venezuela, especially against the Right to Life and -even more particularly- to Health.

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806 civilians have been presented before Military Courts in Venezuela

12.419 arbitrary detentions have been registered by Foro Penal Venezolano between January 1, 2014 and the present day.

806 civilians have been presented before Military Courts. From these, 74 are still in custody, 6 of them being women. By January 2014, we had 117 political prisoners. Today, the number for this category of inmates is 275 persons. Besides, 7.275 persons are still unfairly submitted to judicial processes under caution measures.

Since January 2014, we accumulate 1.536 political prisoners. Full liberty or release under diverse modalities have been obtained in 1.261 cases, which has been certified by OAS (OEA), based upon data provided by Foro Penal.



CEPAZ - www.cepaz.org.ve

Empowering social organization as a mechanism to warrant exigibility for Human Rights



Center for Justice and Peace (CEPAZ) dictated several seminars for

empowering social organizations as a mechanism to warrant exigibility for Human Rights. Workshops counted on the assistance of community leaders and inhabitants of Petare and Mariche parishes.

These activities took place at schools in Mariche, and they were especially designed for the empowering of women. The organization Espacio Crítico participated, conducting a workshop concerning reconciliation and activism.

These spaces for formation not only propitiate net-joint work; they also promote reconciliation within communities, commitment, mediation, tolerance, events for discussion, and the identification of allied organizations for solving the grave problems in those sectors in Caracas.

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