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The Republic is at odds amidst the battle for the University

Art.109 of the Constitution of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela clearly establishes that the State must recognize University Autonomy. Despite that, the political project called socialism of the XXI century does not stop in its eagerness to suffocate it, because -as in a set phrase heard in a Constitutional Law class at Central University of Venezuela (UCV) - *"the Republic is at odds amidst the battle for the University"*. That clarifies why the Supreme Court of Justice (TSJ) has become the executor of every resolute effort of the power to annul freedom of thinking.



liberty; for informing about to penal persecution against rectors grouped in the Venezuelan Association of University Rectors (AVERU); and for revealing how a plan to intervene universities is in progress. Students have assumed their part, too: they have gathered for exchanging opinions about a strategy to defend their universities; and also for remarking the importance of

re-inventing mechanism to protest.

University communities are mobilized for facing TSJ's decision #324-19, which convokes to elections at UCV. Members of the Law School have emphatically warned that such a decision means an open usurpation of National Assembly's (AN's) functions, as well as University authorities' functions. Therefore, the convocation is absolutely null. The Law School professors are calling for an important number of encounters inside and outside UCV, for explaining why decision 324-19 is an assault to

Maybe universities have declined, but they are not lifeless. People in these communities discuss, propose, have encounters and sometimes misencounters on the road they walk on... By so doing, they provide a fresh air supply to liberty, to plurality, and to democracy. Not long ago, the decision of a tribunal to prohibit the exhibition of a documentary, *"Chavism: the XXI century pest"*, included in the scheme of an academic activity of the Social Sciences Department at University "Simón Bolívar" (USB), made evident the barbaric disposition of those who think that a judge's convenient sentence suffices as an arm to silence universities.

Un Mundo Sin Mordaza - www.sinmordaza.org

Your Mural for Venezuela is back for painting dreams



Contest "Your Mural for Venezuela: painting dreams" comes back to reflect dreams that university students have in

a country of opportunities and hopes through graphic arts and Human Rights. This time, participants must create a design to show how the country they want should be. Through this initiative, we expect to know how Venezuelans perceive a country in democracy, in liberty, with a high-quality education.

This new edition of Your Mural for Venezuela is a project of Un Mundo Sin Mordaza, allied with AIESEC Venezuela, Haciendo Ciudad, Fundación Oswaldo Vigas, social platform Uriji, Metropolitan University, Catholic University "Andrés Bello", and Central University of Venezuela. We all aim at educating on Human Rights, for promoting and

defending them; and, in addition, the target is rescuing public spaces and caring for them.

During the realization of the murals, there will be cultural and musical activities in university centers, where all participants and activists will be able to express their points of view on Human Rights. Reception of designs is open until October 30, 2019. For further information enter www.sinmordaza.org or @sinmordaza in social networks.

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12 Actions for Peace: the value of small actions to transform the world



Civic activism can achieve local, national, and even global changes through summing up wills and actions that may generate a collective movement pro defense of Human Rights. Such is the final objective of 12 Actions for Peace. Our premise is that small actions may produce great results; and that proved to be true along the third edition, which was dedicated to the Objectives of Sustainable Development (ODS), a

group of global goals concerning the eradication of poverty and the protection of the planet, in order to assure development for everybody in every country: no one left behind!

Likewise two former editions, empowering on Human Rights and the use of social networks for globalizing the proposed actions were promoted this year. Some barriers, like the lack of time or inability to articulate efforts, were overcome in this occasion: many persons are able now to compromise and even to lead change processes. More than 60 organizations joined this year in 12 Actions for Peace, duplicating the campaign via social networks and proposing new actions destined to achieve the objectives.

Not only in Venezuela this proposition was widely accepted. This year, there were participants all over Latin America, as well as in the United

States, Great Britain, Poland, and even India. Specially noticeable was the intervention of a group of women from La Dolorita, who joined the shouting for gender equity; and narrated their experiences along the process of feminine empowering developed by CEPAZ in that community. The third edition was an evidence of the transforming power of little actions, that allow the daily incorporation of new efforts towards sustainable development for all –with full respect to Human Rights.

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Espacio Público - www.espaciopublico.org

The government impedes English journalist John Carling entering Venezuela

Venezuelan government refused to let John Carlin in. He is a British journalist and was invited to the conference “Mandela and the road to peace. Possible horizons for Venezuela”. He is an author, too, well known after his book *The Human Factor*, that tells the story of how Nelson Mandela achieved the reconciliation of blacks and whites when South Africa was divided by apartheid. He was expected to participate as a rapporteur in an event organized by the Institute For Integral Transitions (IFIT). But, after being declared “non admitted” on Monday, October 7, the event was cancelled –and so were his appointments and meetings with diverse factors of our political life; and also a press conference he would offer on his arrival.



compromise after fierce situations”, said John Carlin to the Spanish journal *La Vanguardia*, a mass media for which he writes opinion articles.

The committee that organized Carlin’s visit deemed as “unexplainable” the Venezuelan governmental decision of impeding the Englishman’s entry in our country. They assure that,

during the event, their guest journalist would have told us the real stories of other nations that once were in circumstances similar to ours now; and it could have lighted the road to possible social and political solutions in Venezuela.

“It was a good opportunity for talking about a dialogue in Venezuela, this is the subject I usually talk about, as I did in Rwanda, South Africa... Those are samples of

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Transparencia Venezuela - www.transparencia.org.ve

TSJ intends giving orders to Curaçao about the intervention of Bank of Orinoco NV

“Do as I say, not as I do”. That old Spanish saying seems to be guiding the steps of those who integrate the Supreme Court of Justice (TSJ), who have not hesitated for a second to give orders to Curaçao’s financial authorities about the intervention of Bank of Orinoco NV, despite the fact that, along the current 2019 months, they have gone on accusing the governments of USA and Canada, and also the European Community and the Group of Lima, for meddling into Venezuelan affairs.



solicitation for caution measure –September 16– introduced by a Chilean citizens named Hugo Casanova Benavides and Lácteos y Carnicos San Simón (Lacasica), an enterprise, both of who were clients of the intervened entity and feared their savings could be at risk.

It is true that art.336 of our Constitution assigns a vast power to TSJ, as for annulling laws and decrees, interpreting the text of the Magna Carta itself, and/or revising any sentence by all other tribunals. However, it does not confer TSJ the power to act beyond our national boundaries.

TSJ’s Constitutional Hall commanded Curaçao and Saint Marteen’s Central Bank to “refrain from complying with any order, requirement, or instruction that may imply alienating, burdening, or somehow affecting deeds and values in the investments portfolio” of an institution that was intervened in September 2019, which belongs to the group Banco Occidental de Descuento (BOD). This command was emitted by TSJ when it admitted a

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Acceso a la Justicia - www.accesoalajusticia.org

“Pro-laborer government” condemned by OIT

A Survey Commission for Venezuela, appointed by the Administrative Council of the International Work Organization (OIT), rendered its inform on the complaints presented in 2015 by 33 delegate employers before the International Conference on Labor (CIT). This action had to do with Nicolás Maduro’s governmental harassment against both employers and workers, in a context of impunity –though he is said to be “the laborer president”.

El “Gobierno obrero” condenado por la



discriminatory workers’ and employers’ organizations; and also by impulsing interferences inside them. In addition, the Commission requests from the rulers not hindering syndicalist freedom via judicial procedures under caution and substitutive measures; the least of all via using military courts for such purposes. Besides, there is an exhortation to appoint a tripartite commission for establishing minimal salaries; and also to guarantee the social dialogue effectively. Finally, the Commission demands the immediate release of employers and unionists who are presently in prison for realizing their legal activities, like Ruben Gonzalez and Rodney Alvarez, submitted to penal processes in military tribunals.

That entity pronounces for the first time in Latin America, due to a denouncement made by employers, not workers; and it remarks that grave persecution against Fedecamaras and affiliates; and against workers’ unions that do not align with the regime. The Commission demands the immediate ceasing of violence, as well as threats and intimidation, which compromise Human Rights.

The Commission alerts on Venezuelan government’s violation of Convention #87 by promoting parallel and

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Foro Penal - www.foropenal.com

Power in Venezuela does not comply with commitments assumed with ONU's High Commissioner for Human Rights

By October 11, 2019, Foro Penal had registered 15.174 arbitrary arrests in Venezuela since January 1st, 2014. 848 civilians have been presented before Military Courts. Up to date, we have accumulated 3.230 political prisoners. Full liberty and release under diverse modalities have been obtained in 2.764 cases.



8.912 persons were or still are unfairly submitted to penal processes under caution measures.

By Friday, October 11, four political prisoners involved in the case of deputy Edgar Zambrano had been released. Apart from that, there is no evidence about the power's acquiescence of its agreements with United Nations' High Commissioner for Human Rights. On the contrary,

By April 2014, we had 117 political prisoners in Venezuela. The number by October 7, 2019, is 466; and 35 of them are women. Besides, repression is still on.

PROVEA - www.derechos.org.ve

OIT's inform throws down the pro-laborer myth of bolivarian revolution

Yearly, October 7 is World Day of Decent Work. In Venezuela, that date was preceded by a blunt inform of the Survey Commission of the International Work Organization (OIT), which dismantles the myth of bolivarian revolution and its "pro-laborer government".

threats, persecution, stigmatization, intimidation; "as well as other forms of attacking civic liberties as have been suffered by their leaders and their members". Besides, OIT calls to pay attention on some practices of undue interfering, favoring, and promoting parallel organizations.



On September 30, 2019, OIT published the inform, due to the Venezuelan State's violations of international conventions on labor. This high-level mechanism has been activated only in 13 occasions since OIT was created, 100 years ago. The Commission alerts on the persistent harassment against Fedecamaras and affiliates; and also against trade unions not aligned with the government. The alert extends over impunity respecting violent acts,

Finally, OIT's Survey Commission suggests to Venezuelan State the adoption of all necessary measures for guaranteeing a non-violent climate, with no threats, no persecution, no stigmatization, no intimidation; and without any other form of aggression; where social interlocutors are able to exercise their legitimate activities -including their participation in a social dialogue fully guaranteed. There are exhortations to not using judicial procedures to obstruct the exercise of

syndicalistic freedom; and to release Rodney Alvarez and Ruben Gonzalez, both of them arbitrarily detained -the latter submitted to military justice.

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