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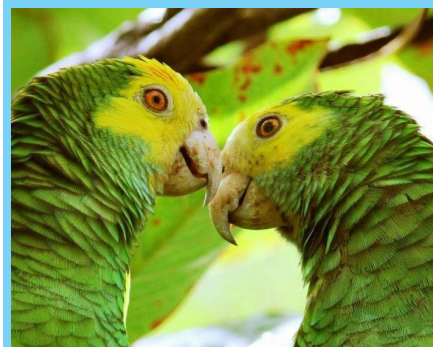
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*Bolivarian Government faces uphill battle against illegal mining*

**T**he President of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Nicolás Maduro, expressed his support for the revitalization of an agenda to preserve the Amazon, while highlighting the role of the Amazon Summit in Belém, Brazil, which will take place next August 8 and 9.

In his television program *Con Maduro +*, the head of state warned that a new Amazon colonialism is being sought, with the purpose of seizing the natural wealth of the Amazon.

"A new colonialism, Amazonian colonialism, is being sought: to come with troops from the United States and put troops in the Amazon with the aim of taking over the biodiversity of the Amazon", he said.

President Maduro urged to unite all South American

institutions for action, and those who wish to support from outside can do so through the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization.

Likewise, the Venezuelan dignitary stressed that the Amazon is one of the fundamental points to achieve the balance of the planet and called for its preservation in order to rebuild the lost balance.

"The first thing to do is to clean the Amazon of illegal mining, prohibit deforestation, go to a regeneration of soils, a total reforestation, supported by the divine, spiritual and ancestral power of the indigenous peoples living in the Amazon," he said.

Therefore, he affirmed that in the battle against illegal mining, his Government, through the action of the Bolivarian National Armed Forces, will evict 100% of

the Amazon, of the Yapacana Park and all the national parks, where 10,000 illegal miners operate.

"We have already evicted more than 4,500 people voluntarily, with the presence of the military authority, of the public authority, of the State, and we are going to evict 100 percent of the Amazon, 100 percent of the Yapacana Park and of all the national parks", he assured.

He also warned that worldwide "there are denialist sectors, such as former President Donald Trump, who say that climate change is an invention, that it does not exist (...). The great polluters of the world pretend to be crazy and science must help a lot to raise awareness, disseminate and socialize the knowledge of research".



Integral Care Plan will begin

## Minister Lorca heads sanitation deployment on the shores of Lake Maracaibo

**T**he Minister of People's Power for Ecosocialism, Josué Alejandro Lorca, participated in a deployment of environmental sanitation of the shores of Lake Maracaibo with the purpose of continuing to remove the cyanobacteria called "verdín" which has recently reproduced on the shores of the estuary.

From the Comuna 4 Vértices, located in the parish of Cristo de Aranza in Maracaibo, Zulia state, the highest authority of the Minec informed that together with personnel from Petróleos de Venezuela (PDVSA), Instituto para la Conservación de la Cuenca del Lago de Maracaibo (Iclam), Instituto Socialista de la Pesca y Acuicultura (Insopesca), Instituto Nacional de Tierras (INTI), Universidad del Zulia (LUZ), Universidad Bolivariana de Venezuela (UBV) and the People's Power, a concrete plan of action will be implemented to facilitate the ecological cleaning of the Lake.

Lorca explained that the community councils of the Commune 4 Vértices presented a Concrete Action Agenda for the sanitation of the banks of the Coquivacoa. Therefore, they were assigned a Trimoto carguera and yellow machinery, tools that will guarantee an

effective work in the cleaning, separation and collection of solid waste, contributing to the recycling process.

"Here we are with the Recycling and Cleaning Technical Tables (Metras), strategies so that from the home they separate waste and with that separation reduce the load that reaches the municipal system and the shores of Lake Maracaibo, solutions of the 1x10 of the Good Government, led by President Nicolás Maduro", specified the head of the Minec.

Minister Lorca, accompanied by the Director of the Territorial Ecosocialist Unit of Zulia and President of ICLAM, Armando Portillo and the Executive Director of Environment of PDVSA, Delhy Echevarreneta, emphasized that the work of cleaning up the shores of Lake Maracaibo will be extended to all critical points where the presence of solid waste and the Cyanobacteria "verdín" is registered in order to keep the ecosystem healthy.

Previously, Minister Lorca led a scientific-technical meeting at Iclam's headquarters, where he stated that Lake Maracaibo is in excellent condition, "we can say this with all the responsibility of the case. The Iclam has been

carrying out evaluations of the cyanobacteria throughout the year and specifically for the last two months, reviewing physical, chemical and salinity parameters that give us a clear route of health in the Lake, demonstrating that the degrees of toxicity, level of reproduction, chemical demand of oxygen and biological demand are stable", he clarified.

He explained that the action plan of integral protection has four cornerstones: firstly, the collection of cyanobacteria in four critical points, secondly, the control of the companies that discharge their effluents into Lake Maracaibo and prevent them from supplying polluting materials, thirdly, the application of reforestation campaigns in the four basins that supply the lake and finally, the optimization of the solid waste collection system on all the shores of the estuary.

He also expressed that weekly scientific debates will be held, to which all environmental sectors are invited, so that they can know in depth the behavior of Lake Maracaibo, which "during the last forty years has registered the periodic presence of this cyanobacteria algae, recurrent on the coasts due to diverse factors.



People's Power receives supplies for the collection and classification of waste on the shores of Lake Maracaibo

Autana Operation 2023

## FANB evacuated more than four thousand miners from natural areas



*Mining in areas under Special Management Regime is illegal*

**T**he Bolivarian National Armed Forces (FANB) evacuated more than four thousand miners in the state of Amazonas by means of water, land and air transportation.

The procedure is part of Operation Autana 2023, informed the Strategic Operational Commander of the FANB, G/J Domingo Hernández Lárez in his social networks.

He explained that the "practice of mining in National Parks, Forest Reserves and zones considered as security zones under Special Administration Regime is illegal in Venezuela".

Hernández Lárez pointed out that currently one of the strategic operations called "Escudo Bolivariano Autana 2023", has been deployed in the Yapacana National Park in respect to the national sovereignty, where all the criminal structures predators of nature have been dismantled and destroyed.

For the care of workers

## Minec medical service reopened at Iclam headquarters in Maracaibo



*Health care will be provided in two shifts*

**T**he Minister of People's Power for Ecosocialism, Josué Lorca, reopened the medical service of the institution he heads, at the headquarters of the Institute for the Control and Conservation of the Maracaibo Lake Basin (Iclam), located in the city of Maracaibo in the state of Zulia.

The "José Gregorio Hernández" Medical Services Unit will serve the purpose of attending to the medical needs of the workers of the Ministry of Popular Power for Ecosocialism (Minec) in Zulia.

In this regard, the head of the Minec highlighted that the facility will have two shifts for the services of four specialties, for which 12 doctors will be available.

This initiative is part of the instructions given by the President of the Republic,

Nicolás Maduro Moros, who instructed to proceed with attention and support to the workers of the country.

In this regard, the Minister indicated that through actions such as these "we will continue to innovate and work for the construction of a solidary, efficient and effective scheme for our people".

For his part, the director of the Territorial Ecosocialist Unit (UTEC) Zulia and president of Iclam, Armando Portillo, pointed out that "this is a medical service that will reach 11 specialties, we are in a first start-up phase".

"We also have different important areas for the medical attention of all, as indicated by our President Maduro, it is to strengthen the dignity of the workers", he said.



Environmental education has been key

## The Margarita Parakeet has recovered in the Macanao Peninsula

**T**he Minister of People's Power for Ecosocialism, Josué Lorca, announced that the regional bird the Margarita parrot (*Amazona Barbadensis*) is returning in flocks to the trees in the Macanao Peninsula, in Margarita Island.

The information was shared through a telephone call on the program *Vía Alternativa*, broadcast by Radio Nacional de Venezuela (RNV), in which Lorca highlighted the work carried out in this Margarita population by José Manuel Briceño, who has been leading the conservation project of this regional bird for 20 years, as well as the work carried out by the environmental NGO Provita during the last 30 years.

He emphasized that the school and the ambulatory of the zone are very involved with the subject of the Margarita parrot, since, in their spaces, the decorations, drawings and even the children's exhibition at the end of the year, are of the bird.

"The work of environmental education in these spaces for the conservation of the parrot has had an incredible effect and people identify with it," he added.

The head of the Minec assured that he was able to confirm this fact during an inspection in the community of San Francisco de Macanao, which was instructed by President Nicolás Maduro during the *Con Maduro +* program, and which he carried out together with the Minister of the Office of the Presidency, Jorge Márquez, and the Ecosocialist Management

team of the region, where they evaluated the water, transportation, health and education services.

"In the community of San Francisco de Macanao, we visited their school, very beautiful, of course with some things to repair, product of the economic war. It is always key and it is super important to work on education," he said.

He recalled the alerts made by the inhabitants of this area due to the disappearance of the parrots and contrasted it with the fact that now, from 6 o'clock in the afternoon, flocks of parrots arrive to settle in the sticks, in the trees, to proceed to sleep.

"People identify themselves, that gives us, as environmentalists and ecologists, a clear guide that environmental education is key and fundamental for these preservation programs to work, and for our people to identify themselves with their species," he said.

Regarding the danger of extinction faced by these birds, the head of Minec said that "thanks to the last census carried out, they are no longer in danger of extinction, however, they are still endangered by poaching for commercialization".

Regarding species conservation, Lorca said that protection programs are carried out in-situ and ex-situ. "We have spectacled bears that could not be reintroduced to their natural habitat and we need in-situ spaces to maintain them and generate reproduction programs. Likewise with the

condor that we have in the zoos of Bararida, Las Delicias and Mérida," he said.

He mentioned that one of the species that have been released in Revolution is the "Orinoco Caiman, which is a reintroduction program, the reproduction of the Arrau Turtle, which is in danger of extinction and is only found in the Orinoco River, a species that has been released in more than one million turtles".

"It is a joint work in which the entire Ecosocialist Management Team, which has been formed, is involved, because we also work in technical groups. Each zoo has its veterinarian and nutritionist to keep our species in the best state of health, weight and feeding," he said.

One of the topics he addressed in the conversation was the climate crisis, and he assured that "we are facing a historic moment for humanity, and it is also in our hands to generate part of the proposals that can be the solution to this crucial issue".

He called for concrete actions, such as those requested by President Maduro, such as going to the streets, to the Popular Power, to the communities and building adaptation and mitigation plans together to face the climate crisis. "The Ministry of Ecosocialism maintains a campaign that is deployed every weekend in the communities house to house, talking to people about this issue of climate change," he recalled.





Liseth gave birth to a baby in good condition

## Hippopotamus born at Bararida Zoo and Botanical Park



*Captive breeding demonstrates excellent condition of the species*

**T**he Bararida Zoo and Botanical Park in the city of Barquisimeto in the state of Lara, has a new guest, after the hippopotamus Liseth gave birth to a baby that is in good condition.

In this regard, the governor of the state, Adolfo Pereira, accompanied by the Minister of Popular Power for Ecosocialism, Josué Lorca, indicated that "we are in the presence of a beautiful and beautiful fact, the birth of a hippopotamus".

"In the park there are four specimens, two females and two males. One of the females, Liseth, gave birth, and we are also fortunate to have another pregnant female and that is why Minister Lorca visited the

park, who has been keeping an eye on the case", said Governor Pereira.

He pointed out that "the critical period is over and the little one is walking".

"This is one of the pro-breeding centers that the Ministry for Ecosocialism has at the national level. With this we are defending nature and contributing to the Fifth Objective of the Plan for the Homeland," he said.

He informed that the hippopotamuses are "species that can live between 40 and 50 years, weighing between one and three tons".

"The animals in the park are healthy, in optimal condition

and each one consumes about 50 kilos of food daily. The zoo team keeps them in excellent condition," he said.

The governor added that in the park they have in "safekeeping a pregnant spectacled bear and spider monkeys, among other specimens".

"The place is the largest breeding center for spider monkeys. There are two females that are pregnant, there are condors in protection. This is a city where we have some species that are under protection and the births mean that they are being properly cared for," he concluded.



Minec seeks to raise awareness among the population about their protection

## Snakes contribute to pest control

**E**very July 16, World Snake Day is celebrated as a way to raise awareness of these animals and reverse the fear of snakes.

The day is commemorated to raise awareness about their lethality and positive aspects, since snakes are reptiles that provide benefits to mankind. One of these is pest control, since these animals regulate the populations of insects, rodents, frogs and toads, which prevents their spread in crops and areas inhabited by humans.

They also have a great impact on the development of serums and medicines to alleviate the discomfort of chronic degenerative diseases, such as arthritis.

Snakes are carnivorous, they feed on other animal species by hunting in two ways: with the constriction mechanism or by injecting venom through the

bite.

Among the best known snakes in the world, due to their size, danger, rarity and attractiveness are the royal cobras, anacondas, corals, rattlesnakes, reticulated pythons, diamondback pythons, mambas, among others.

The most emblematic and venomous snakes of Venezuela are: the coral (*Emocurus isozonus*), the commonly known as the tigre mariposa (*Bothrops venezuelensis*), and the rattlesnake (*Crotalus durissus*). In addition, the tigre mariposa has a record of the highest number of accidents due to bites.

It is important to mention that in Venezuela there are non-venomous snakes, which are not lethal, but cause painful bites.

The fear that society has towards snakes is due to the lack of knowledge of this species and

their behavior. For example, it is thought that they attack humans for no reason, and it is the opposite, they are animals that stay away from humans, because they consider them a predatory species. When they attack, they do it defensively, if they feel in danger.

Paradoxically, the greatest potential benefit that can be obtained from snakes is at the same time one of the reasons why they are most feared: their venom.

The Ministry of People's Power for Ecosocialism (Minec), on this date recalls the importance of snakes and seeks to raise awareness among the population about their protection and respect for their habitat, in order to dispel the effects of ignorance about their behavior and avoid hunting them.

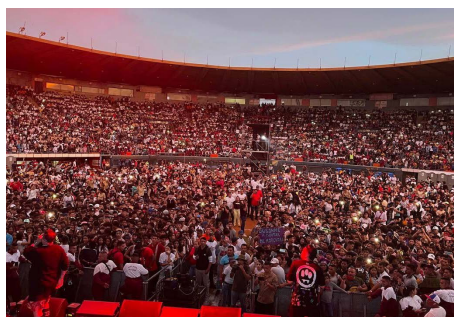


*Snakes are feared for their venoms*

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**07/16/2023**

*The boys and girls of Venezuela celebrated their day in style. Every smile is our inspiration to fight to continue building a great and beautiful future for them. The Homeland belongs to you, beautiful girls and boys!*



**@NicolasMaduro**  
**07/13/2023**

*This is how our youth celebrate their graduation in the state of Zulia! La Ruta Live del Bachiller started to bring joy to all the new high school graduates of Venezuela. Congratulations to all of them, let's celebrate and have a good time, congratulations godchildren!*



**@NicolasMaduro**  
**07/10/2023**

*My recognition and admiration for the immense mobilizations of the self-convened people in the states of Aragua, Anzoátegui, Apure, Miranda, Trujillo, Falcón and all of Venezuela, who have deployed themselves in defense of Peace, in rejection of the sanctions and the imperial blockade, something never seen before, a people that is reborn and fights for Venezuela.*



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