

# Press Releases: United States Condemns Attacks on Interim President Guaido and National Assembly Members

Press Statement  
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The United States condemns the attacks on Interim President Juan Guaido's caravan and the harassment of National Assembly deputies and members of the media. We are monitoring reports of these and other acts of intimidation by Nicolas Maduro's lawless, armed gangs, known as *colectivos*.

It is the responsibility of the security forces to protect the democratically elected National Assembly. The security forces should be the guardians of peace and civility and quickly end the violence and intimidation of these irregular armed groups, which threaten the security and sovereignty of the people of Venezuela. These acts of intimidation will not succeed in delaying the inevitable—the peaceful restoration of democracy, stability, and prosperity to the people of Venezuela.

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