Maradona Fined After Dedicating Win to Nicolas Maduro

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During a press conference on March 31, Diego Maradona dedicated his victory to Nicolas Maduro and to all of Venezuela that is suffering because of the "sheriffs of the world".

Football star Diego Maradona came out in support of Venezuela and criticized Donald Trump in a message before he answered questions from Mexican journalists during a press conference at the Tamaulipas stadium.

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"I want to dedicate this triumph to Nicolas Maduro and to all Venezuelans who are suffering." "The sheriffs of the world — who are those Yankees? Just because they have the biggest bombs in the world they think they are so much more advanced than us. No, they are not," Maradona declared at a press conference after a soccer match in Mexico that the Dorados de Sinaloa, the team Maradona is the technical director of since September 2018, won 3-2 over the Tampico Madero Sunday night.

"We don’t buy that 'chirolita' they have as president," added Maradona referring to an Argentine ventriloquist puppet famous in the 1970s that resembles United States President Donald Trump and was famous for its rogue, childish personality.

In response, the Mexican Football Federation (FMF) said in a statement on Monday that

Maradona was going to be fined because he had violated articles 7 and 11 of its ethics code.

Article 7 urges members of Mexico's football federation to stay neutral on political and religious matters and Article 11 warns them against behavior that might be detrimental to the sport and fair play.

Since January the U.S. and its allies have tried unsuccessfully to replace President Maduro with the so-called 'interim president' Juan Guiado.

President Donald Trump began his soft coup attempt against President Nicolas Maduro after taking office in 2017, implementing a growing list of economic sanctions on Venezuela and its people that have cost the government billions.

In August 2017, Maradona brought his support to Venezuela and said he was ready to get "dressed a soldier" and fight "against imperialism."