
Mr. Rubio's Lies XII. The Downed Drug Boat

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US Secretary of State Marco Rubio is visiting Mexico, his first stop on a trip that also includes Ecuador to meet with President Daniel Noboa.

If anyone thought they had already seen or read everything from the Oval Office of the White House, they may have been surprised by the latest lie, likely invented by Mr. Rubio and put in Trump's mouth.

The story comes to mind when the US president organized a press conference, previously announced as something serious, on matters of national defense, generating the corresponding expectation.

Some of the media outlets covering these activities immediately speculated that the president might officially announce an idea, which he had already hinted at days before, of changing the name of his defense ministry to Secretary of War.

Also prior to these announcements, Trump was surely duly informed of the results of the 25th Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Summit, held in Tianjin, China, where a momentous proposal from the host country's president emerged, which would substantially modify the unilateral order in favor of a multilateral model for managing world peace.

What was announced in Tianjin, or the images that emerged of the leaders of China and India talking about the union of the dragon (China) with the elephant (India), deserve a separate analysis, but it undoubtedly contributed to a kind of panic in the halls of power in the US.

So it was to be expected, as in practice happened, that the US president would react publicly immediately, that he would flex his muscles.

Thus, he announced that he will henceforth move the headquarters of the so-called USS PaceCom, "space command" in Spanish, from its current location in Colorado to Alabama, further east, closer to the Atlantic.

The matter requires an assessment by experts on these matters, and in principle represents a different dislocation for those who manage the satellites and other things they have in the stratosphere to monitor the rest of humanity 24/7, or for other unspeakable purposes.

Some of these experts even claim that this decision also responds to an "old" dispute with predecessor Biden, who dismissed a previous order from Trump during his first term regarding the move to Alabama.

He dedicated valuable minutes of journalistic time to addressing this issue, but the wait and attention were worth it when he reported, in the tone of a baseball announcer nearing the end of the game, that a few minutes earlier they had just "shot down" a drug-laden ship from Venezuela.

The Drug Boat and Other Things

Indeed, if there was anything interesting about the US president's exchange with journalists accredited to the White House, it was the brief section devoted to the drug boat issue, supported by the announcement that shortly before the press conference, four-star general Dan "Razin" Caine, none other than Chairman (Chairman) of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, had informed him about the aforementioned "downing" of the offending vessel.

Of course, Mr. Rubio quickly came out to confirm the "tremendous" news, issuing a message on social media, reiterating that the vessel left Venezuela, "operated by a designated narco-terrorist organization," that is, without specifying the drug cartel involved.

Later, hours later, Trump himself published a video on his social media platform showing the alleged boat or drug ship, or whatever it is floating with drugs, blown to pieces, obliterating or eliminating any physical evidence of the drug traffickers and their cargo—in other words, zero evidence.

Practically in unison, minutes after the aforementioned publication, Freddy Nájuez, the Chavista government's communications minister, explained on national television that the alleged video was the result of generative artificial intelligence, in other words, a pure Trumpian tale.

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