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The Friendly Hand of the King to the Peoples of Latin America

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In these times of kings and feudal-style governance, it is worth asking how the "king," Trump, aids the Latin American peoples—those who, in one way or another, feel the negative effects of his policies of support or punishment towards the region's governments.

*"Milei is a tremendously talented economist,"* asserted the US president days ago upon receiving the Argentine leader at the White House. Undoubtedly, Milei has been a prominent exponent of what the "imperialist monarchy" has designed for the "fiefdoms of Latin America."

During his years at the forefront of Argentina, Milei's economic management has been disastrous for the vast majority of the people. His controversial mandate is marked by events such as a major cryptocurrency scam and an exorbitant increase in inflation that has placed nearly 75% of the population in a difficult situation.

His celebrated phrase, *"There is no money,"* has served as a justification for public cuts with the famous chainsaw, promising an epochal change that would lead to national prosperity. But the truth is that every million-dollar loan from the United States or its subordinate monetary institutions only sinks the inhabitants deeper into a debt that, at this point, seems unpayable.

Approximately 260,000 employees dismissed, according to *Página 12*; the elimination of subsidies affecting the acquisition of food and medicine; and the increase in the cost of basic services are some of the consequences of that symbolic chainsaw gifted to Elon Musk and celebrated by Trump, who reiterated that dollars would reach Argentina depending on the results of the elections on the 26th.

But every greenback that enters the South American nation leaves behind evidence of management that enriches a few and impoverishes many, an exact copy of the Empire's designs.

A bit further north, geographically speaking, is Ecuador, facing a very complex internal situation after years of right-wing governments, with a social crisis that is worsening without signs of stopping. This is precisely the ideal

situation to which the United States aspires for the peoples south of the Rio Grande. Therefore, US Undersecretary of State, Christopher Landau, assured that relations between his country and Ecuador *"are at their best moment in decades."*

The delivery of a radar system and an agreement for the exchange of information in the fight against drug trafficking are some of the actions that led the North American official to make these statements, overlooking the tumultuous internal scenario provoked by years of right-wing governments.

On the other hand, there are governments not viewed favorably by the US administration, which does everything possible *"to help the peoples suffering under these supposedly illegitimate regimes."* This includes statements and threats against Venezuela, Colombia, or Nicaragua, but Cubans know well the result of US "help."

An intensified blockade with million-dollar losses that claims lives, even of children denied treatment. The worsening quality of life due to the persecution of any inflow of foreign currency, destined for public services—services which, if they were cut with chainsaws and went into the pockets of corrupt officials, would be sent by the millions from the United States.

Cubans know all too well the poison distilled by the hand of the king, which denies oxygen in the most necessary moments, which sanctions shipping companies for bringing in supplies and threatens countries that dare to sell fuel to Cuba or vote against the blockade in the United Nations.

The same hand that criminalizes doctors saving lives in every corner of the world, while the royal hand has only brought bombs and destruction.

With immense force, the imperial hand not only tightens its grip on the necks of those who do not follow its unpopular, inhumane, and elitist policies: it strangles all peoples because it is its essence, because it needs the poverty, illiteracy, and disunity of the many to preserve the exorbitant wealth of the few.

Therefore, the hand of the United States—whether disguised as support or in a threatening tone—will never bring benefits for the majorities, as they are now promising Bolivia.

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