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A big victory from Department of War (DoW) on capture of Venezuela’s alleged president Maduro to keep America safe!

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JANUARY 3, 2026 - President Donald J. Trump today announced the capture of Venezuelan leader Nicolás Maduro, following a successful overnight joint U.S. military extraction in Venezuela's capital of Caracas. "Last night and early today, at my direction, the United States armed forces conducted an extraordinary military operation in the capital of Venezuela. ... It was an operation against a heavily fortified military fortress in the heart of Caracas to bring outlaw dictator Nicolás Maduro to justice," Trump said during a midday news conference from his Mar-a-Lago residence in Palm Beach, Florida.

The president added that both Maduro and his also-captured wife, Cilia Flores de Maduro, will now face criminal court proceedings tied to a 2020 indictment from the U.S. Department of Justice on multiple federal charges, including narco-terrorism and drug trafficking. Earlier in the day, Trump posted a photo to social media showing a blindfolded and handcuffed Nicolás Maduro in custody aboard the U.S. Navy amphibious assault ship USS Iwo Jima. Labeled Operation Absolute Resolve, the joint military and law enforcement mission to capture the Maduros was the result of months of planning and rehearsal involving U.S. joint forces — including special operations forces — from multiple service branches. The military also networked extensively with multiple U.S. intelligence agencies, according to Air Force Gen. Dan Caine, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. "Our interagency work began months ago and built on decades of experience [with] integrating complex air, ground, space and maritime operations. ... We watched, we waited, we prepared, we remained patient and professional. ... This was an audacious operation that only the



President Donald J. Trump and Secretary of State Marco Rubio hold press conference on capture of Venezuela’s dictator Nicolas Maduro. (Photo/Courtesy: Dept. of War)

United States could do," Caine said during the press conference. He added that the mission to extract the Maduros — in which there were no U.S. casualties — was so precise that it involved more than 150 military aircraft from all across the Western Hemisphere launching in close coordination to provide cover for the ground-based extraction force in Caracas. "Words can barely capture the bravery and the power and the precision of this historic operation, a massive joint military and law enforcement raid flawlessly

executed by the greatest Americans our country has to offer," Secretary of War Pete Hegseth, who was also in attendance at Mar-a-Lago, told the media. "What I witnessed last night was sheer guts and grit, gallantry and glory of the American warrior. ... This is about the safety, security, freedom and prosperity of the American people. This is America first; this is peace through strength; and the United States War Department is proud to help deliver it," Hegseth said of the mission. With Maduro now out of power,

think is necessary to make Venezuela great again," Trump said. The capture of the Maduros represents a culmination of tensions between the U.S. and Venezuela dating as far back as 1998, with the election of President Hugo Chavez, a Venezuelan socialist who espoused anti-U.S. rhetoric and formed close ties with Cuba, Iran and Russia. Following the death of Chavez in 2013, Nicolás Maduro took over and became increasingly politically hostile toward the U.S. as the years progressed. Tensions between the two countries increased significantly beginning in September of 2025, when the Trump administration began conducting targeted boat strikes on vessels deemed to be conducting narco-terrorism by attempting to smuggle illegal drugs into the U.S. In November 2025, the State Department declared Venezuela's state-embedded criminal network Cartel de los Soles — which is alleged to have been headed by Maduro — as a terror organization. Just prior to that designation, Hegseth said such an action would provide the War Department with "more tools" to provide options to Trump in regard to how to address the narco-terror threat in the region. "We have a lot of options; we'll make sure we have the authorities to do so, and we will protect the American people," Hegseth said at the time.

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The president added that, while it was his understanding that Venezuelan Vice President Delcy Rodríguez was "just sworn in" [to the presidency] following Maduro's ouster, Rodríguez seemed willing to work with the U.S. to achieve what's best for Venezuelans.

"[Secretary of State] Marco [Rubio] is working on that directly. He just had a conversation with [Rodríguez], and she's essentially willing to do what we

NRA blows whistle on NRA Foundation and files lawsuit in what is known as NRA v. the NRA Foundation on funding issues, etc.

FAIRFAX VA, January 6, 2026- Today, the National Rifle Association (NRA) filed a lawsuit against the NRA Foundation, asserting the NRA's ownership of the intellectual property used by the foundation. The case, known as NRA v. the NRA Foundation, seeks to hold The NRA Foundation's leadership accountable for operating in bad faith and withholding funds meant to support the NRA's charitable activities. The complaint alleges that current NRA Foundation leadership is misleading donors who believe they are donating to support the National Rifle Association's mission, when in fact, these funds are not being provided to the organization. "This is a disappointing day, and it should not have come to this," said Doug Hamlin, NRA CEO and Executive Vice President. "A foundation established to support the National Rifle Association of America has taken

actions that are adversarial at a time when the NRA is rebuilding and focused on its long-term mission. I am deeply disappointed that these steps were taken, leaving no reasonable alternative. This action represents a last resort. The NRA's brand and intellectual property exist solely to benefit the National Rifle Association of America, its members, all law-abiding gun owners, and its programs and services. For generations, donors

across the United States contributed funds with the clear expectation that those resources would support NRA educational and public-interest programs. It is unacceptable that those programs are now being placed at risk by actions that conflict with donor intent and the responsibilities of the foundation's board of trustees." Since the NRA established the NRA Foundation in 1990, the foundation has funded the NRA's

educational and charitable programs, such as the NRA National Firearms Museum and Eddie Eagle GunSafe program. Funding for those programs and other has been thrown into jeopardy by the foundation's current leaders, mostly former NRA directors who were allied with prior leadership and who presided over the scandals and financial improprieties. When NRA members voted to elect a new leadership committed to reform, transpar-

ency, and member accountability, the foundation's hold-over leaders sought to end the foundation's affiliate relationship with the NRA and now seek to substantially curtail its support of the NRA—notwithstanding that its assets were raised by the NRA, using the NRA name and trademarks, for the benefit of the NRA's charitable programs. The NRA's lawsuit seeks rulings preventing the Foundation from in-

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Radians donates over \$500,000 in PPE and apparel to support disaster relief and community outreach across U.S. A.

MEMPHIS, TN—December 30, 2025—Radians, a leading manufacturer of personal protective equipment (PPE), recently donated more than \$500,000 in safety products and apparel to support disaster relief and community outreach efforts across the United States. Donations were delivered to Whatcom County in Washington state, Matthew 25 Ministries in Ohio, and St. Patrick Community Outreach in Memphis, where Radians is headquartered.

Supporting Flood Recovery in Whatcom County, Washington

Just before the holidays, severe flooding caused widespread damage throughout Whatcom County, including the communities of Bellingham, Sumas, Nooksack, Everson, and Burlington. Homes, schools, roads, and city facilities were heavily impacted by record-setting floodwaters.

To assist with cleanup and recovery efforts, British Petroleum reached out to National Safety

Inc., a key safety supplier to the refinery. National Safety Inc. then contacted Radians to help supply essential safety gear. Radians responded quickly by picking, packing, and shipping five pallets of PPE just days before Christmas. The donated safety products are now being distributed locally to support cleanup, rebuilding, and recovery efforts throughout the county.

Equipping National Disaster Relief Teams

Radians also shipped nearly 70 pallets of PPE and protective apparel to Matthew 25 Ministries, a respected humanitarian organization that responds to disasters across the United States and around the world. The donation included work gloves, safety eyewear, high-visibility apparel, workwear, and other essential protective items used by volunteers and individuals affected by disasters.

Keeping Memphians Warm During Winter

To support neighbors facing hardship during the coldest months of the year, Radians donated 13 pallets of heated jackets, winter gloves, and long-sleeved Henley shirts to St. Patrick Community Outreach. These items were distributed through the organization's Embers of Hope and Mobile Food Drive programs, helping Memphians stay warm, dry, and safe during winter conditions.

"Disaster relief and community outreach top our list of core values," said Mike Tutor, CEO of Radians. "We are honored to support these organizations and the vital work they do to help individuals and families during times of need."

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U.S. Army Special Forces combat veteran and former critical care nurse Steve Forti looks at patient demand vs. provider supply

By Steve Forti

When it comes to health care, Americans increasingly pay more for less. One in five patients now waits over two months to see a primary care physician or specialist. At its core, this crisis stems from a growing mismatch between pa-

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tient demand and provider supply. In the wake of pandemic-era delays, demand for physicians has skyrocketed, while the healthcare workforce has shrunk by tens of thousands since 2020.

A major driver of this exodus is

exhaustion. In the US, employee burnout costs the healthcare system billions each year in lost productivity and staff turnover. Each departure increases the burden on those who remain, creating a vicious cycle similar to what I have witnessed in Army Special Operations.

Why have we allowed the healthcare workforce to reach such a breaking point? The answer lies in a workplace culture that prioritizes daily endurance over sustainable schedules. For decades, healthcare systems tacitly celebrated martyrdom -- praising those who worked the longest, slept the least, and sacrificed the most.

Patients need nurses and doctors who aren't exhausted. But we can't just tell healthcare workers -- who are used to putting others' needs before their own -- to get better at maintaining their own health.

Healthcare is a calling for many providers, and asking them to put themselves first can feel at odds with their deeply ingrained sense of service.

Instead, healthcare organizations must fulfill their moral obligation to support their workers -- physically, mentally, and emotionally -- and insist on self-care as a line item for evaluation. Neglecting this responsibility does-

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