

## **Maduro Mobilises 6,000 Troops After UK Warship Goes to Guyana | Vantage with Palki Sharma**

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Now let's look at more chaos in the Americas.

Venezuela and Guyana are neighbors, they're locked in a territorial dispute.

The situation has been escalating and now a British warship has entered the picture.

The UK has sent the warship to support its former Colony Guyana.

In response, Venezuela has rallied its Armed Forces. President Nicolas Maduro is livid.

Thousands of troops are preparing for drills for land, air and sea operations in the Eastern Caribbean.

It's a grand show of force, Maduro's answer to what he calls the decadent former British Empire, his words. Here's a report.

So today we have issued a statement of condemnation of rejection in which Venezuela reserves all constitutional actions within the framework of international law to defend our territorial integrity, our water, our Atlantic, and our national sovereignty.

Venezuela's president Nicholas Maduro is ready for action. He has put on his wartime baseball cap.

He's mobilizing his forces, preparing them for war against an existential threat.

This is why I have ordered the activation of a joint action of the entire Bolivarian National military Armed Forces over the Eastern Caribbean of Venezuela, over the Atlantic facade and a joint action of a defensive nature as a response to the provocation and threat of the United Kingdom against the peace and sovereignty of our country.

That mighty threat is apparently the United Kingdom, not the US, but the UK.

How did this happen? How did the British become a threat to Venezuela almost a century after their Glory Days?

Guyana has privately ~~ratified~~ [confirmed] that it will host the threatening ship from the decadent former British Empire.

The threatening ship is a British warship being sent to Guyana.

Guyana is a former British colony in South America. It neighbors Venezuela and recently the two neighbors have been caught in a diplomatic crisis.

It's over land, an area known as the Essequibo [that] makes up almost 3/4 of Guyana.

The area is rich in resources including oil.

It has been governed by Guyana for decades, but Venezuela claims the entire region for itself.

It says the Essequibo region was stolen by the British all the way back in the 1800s and Caracas has tried to take the region back diplomatically for years.

But this year Maduro got tired of waiting, instead, he held a referendum.

He asked his citizens if they should just start handing out Venezuelan passports to the people of the Essequibo region and almost 100% of the people voted yes.

Those who showed up to vote anyway. The voter turnout is disputed.

Maduro and his allies say that over 51% of eligible people voted.

His opponents say the turnout was about 10%, not really a thumping endorsement for his cause but nonetheless Maduro has decided that the Essequibo is of high priority, which brings us back to the new decadent British threat.

Maduro is summoning his forces, conducting defensive exercises with around 6,000 troops that will surely deter the British nautical threat lurking around the Guyana coast.

And what is this threatening British warship? The dreaded HMS Trent.

Can it carry ballistic missiles? No.

Combat aircraft? Just a helicopter and some drones.

A legion of troops?

Then, well, about 50 people at best.

So then why is Maduro mobilizing 6,000 troops to challenge this patrol boat.

Perhaps he has other intentions.

He may be looking to galvanize his supporters [and] unite the country in the face of a foreign enemy.

But the thing is, the decadent former British Empire doesn't really scream death and destruction these days, especially not when they're sending a patrol boat to look tough to their former colony.

So Maduro is really clutching at straws as he tries to create an existential crisis.