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US should fight drugs in EU 'narco-state' instead of Venezuela – Lavrov

Washington's strikes on alleged smuggler boats are unlawful, the Russian foreign minister has said



Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov © Sputnik / Alexey Maishev

The US would be better off targeting Belgium, recently described as an emerging “*narco-state*” by one of its own judges, rather than bombing small vessels off the coast of Venezuela, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said on Tuesday.

Speaking at a press conference, Lavrov denounced the maritime airstrikes authorized by the administration of US President Donald Trump, which Washington claims are aimed at drug smugglers operating in the Caribbean. The foreign minister called the attacks “*acts taken without*

due process” that demonstrate how the US “*places itself above the law.*”

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“Rather than targeting Nigeria and Venezuela with anti-drug operations and [potential] seizures of oil fields, the US should probably focus on eradicating this social ill in Belgium,” Lavrov said. “The US already has troops there and will not have to chase after small boats with crews of three people each.”

Lavrov was referring to a recent [statement](#) by a Belgian judge who wrote to the parliament that *“mafia-like structures have taken root”* in the country and that it is not an exaggeration to say *“are we evolving into a narco-state.”*



While stressing that Moscow considers Venezuela a friendly nation, Lavrov said Russia has no plans to deploy military assets there.

Washington insists that its campaign targets *“narcoterrorism,”* claiming legal authority under congressional counterterrorism powers. Trump has justified the strikes as part of a broader effort to combat the flow of fentanyl into the US.

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According to the US Drug Enforcement Administration, Mexico is the main source of fentanyl entering the US, while Venezuela’s involvement in global trafficking networks is limited primarily to serving as a stopover for cocaine shipments from South America.

Critics accuse Washington of using the narcotics narrative as a pretext for a potential regime change operation against Caracas.

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Jiří Tůma 11/11/2025 at 3:02 PM

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A possible US strike on Venezuela would cause oil markets to collapse and have major consequences for Russia and Saudi Arabia, according to the British portal The Telegraph, which claims that cheap Venezuelan oil would lead to a decrease in the price of Russian oil, which would lead to the “destruction” of Russia. Without oil revenues, the regime of Russian President Vladimir Putin would not be able to finance the war in Ukraine.

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GeorgeBMac 11/11/2025 at 3:17 PM ↑

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Like Bush did not care about the consequences of deposing the leaders of Iraq and Afghanistan, and Biden did not care about the consequences of provoking a war with Russia to depose its leader, Trump does not care about the consequences of deposing the leader of Venezuela.

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FW190 11/11/2025 at 4:15 PM ↑

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Is that straight from the propaganda Think Tank ?

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Randal Walker 11/11/2025 at 5:02 PM ↑

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Do you ever employ critical thinking? Venezuela exports 1 million barrels of oil per day of heavy sour crude oil. That amount is minuscule, especially when compared to their reserves. Heavy sour crudes are prized by complex refineries (especially in India, China, and the U.S. Gulf Coast) that can process them into profitable diesel and other products. Heavy, high-sulfur (sour) crude provides essential diesel feedstock that light shale oil cannot replace. So a near term disruption in Venezuela's



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production would hurt diesel consumers in Europe more than anyone else. A scarcity in heavy, sour crude oil would drive up prices making Russian Urals heavy sour crude more profitable for export to India and China. Hypothetically a U.S. takeover of Venezuelan oil fields would eventually increase market supply but the cost and timeline for doing so is unknown as that would be subject to the amount of damage done to oil infrastructure in a military attack.

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 **Jiří Tůma** 11/11/2025 at 6:37 PM 

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According to data from the U.S. Energy Information Administration, Venezuela has the world's largest proven oil reserves. In 2023, the agency estimated them at 303 billion barrels. For comparison, Saudi Arabia had 267 billion barrels and Russia 80 billion.

Despite this, the Caribbean country barely profits from its reserves. The value of its oil exports is only four billion dollars annually, while Saudi Arabia exports oil worth 180 billion dollars and Russia 120 billion dollars.

Trump has the green light for an attack on Venezuela. Maduro is seeking missiles in Moscow and Beijing.

Maduro's leftist regime is unable to extract the oil wealth—partly due to U.S. sanctions. According to The Telegraph, a new U.S.-backed government could perform significantly better in this area and revive the Venezuelan oil industry. And even if it didn't happen immediately, the end result would be a flood of cheap Venezuelan oil onto the global market. The global price of the commodity could drop from today's 60 dollars per barrel to below 50 dollars, possibly even to 30 dollars per barrel.



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 **Simon Filimon** 11/11/2025 at 5:11 PM 

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You're a m●●n. The Russians prepped methodically ahead of the SMO into Ukraine, and diverted most of their natural resources to the East for many years, knowing that the peado cabal in Washington was going to try to kick Russians out of the oil market. Russia is a complete self-sustaining nation who's children fight for the Mother Land, unlike the West, who has to bribe soldiers to fight to later discard them like 🤡



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 **Kiril** 11/11/2025 at 5:22 PM 

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I know you, You don't believe a word you are saying.

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 **Randal Walker** 11/11/2025 at 5:52 PM 

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Don't be jealous. Perhaps someday – if you work hard at it – you too can develop critical thinking

skills.

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J Jim Davies 11/11/2025 at 5:40 PM ↑

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Price "collapses" of anything happen only when supply greatly exceeds demand. True, if Venezuela got rid of the socialist Maduro and reformed its economy, the petroleum industry might well recover and produce more oil; but that process would take much longer than the effects of a mere "strike".

Unless that Telegraph piece assumed a context not stated, it may be that the writer misunderstood that.

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J Jiří Tůma 11/11/2025 at 6:41 PM ↑

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S Sakher Hiari 11/11/2025 at 6:36 PM

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The important question "why is the US the most flourishing market for Narcotics?" needs to be answered to enable solving the problem.

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M Miguel 11/11/2025 at 6:31 PM

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This is a defining moment, a make-or-brake situation for BRICS and multipolarity. We'll see.

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М Махин 11/11/2025 at 3:36 PM

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Problem is Belgium has no oil and gold to steal. 😊


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B Barry Malkin 11/11/2025 at 6:18 PM ↑

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Who stole the Venezuelan gold stored in London ?

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- C Cleo Pisano** 11/11/2025 at 6:17 PM 2
- america is the main problem in the world for illegal drug trade and criminal organisations the cia comes to mind!
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- R Ron** 11/11/2025 at 6:15 PM 1
- If what Lavrov is saying is true, that Russia has no plans to deploy military assets there, then this is another example of why the West has good reason not to fear Russia. When will Putin the Jellyfish take bold action and give the USA some of its own medicine?
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- e emil** 11/11/2025 at 5:18 PM 2
- News from another media outlet, another topic, the same goal, looting – «China accuses the US of hacking bitcoin wallets and stealing \$13 billion. US authorities claim that this is a seizure of funds from criminal activities.» So, Western «democracy» cannot survive without looting. While talking about cooperation and friendship with China, Trump puts his hand in its pocket and steals money. Don't listen to what Western politicians say, watch what they do.
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-  **Gary Highberger** 11/11/2025 at 5:22 PM 4
- The US doesn't give a crap about drugs anywhere. Oil is what this whole Venezuela thing is about. Drugs and smugglers are but a cover story.
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- Financial capitalists want to eliminate Democratic Socialist leaders world over since 1913. All wars are banker wars.
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- V Vic** 11/11/2025 at 6:12 PM 0

Belated comment: So Cheney has returned to Hell. Let's hope the devil decides not to send him back here again. Same for Kiss-of-death-inger, Thatcher, & all the other fiends who have plagued us...& Blair when he gets there.

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Bundle of Perceptions 11/11/2025 at 5:15 PM

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The U.S. is not bombing small vessels off the coast of Venezuela because of drugs. The U.S. is bombing these small vessels, because Marco Rubio is a mentally deranged little demon puppet intent on destroying all vestiges of Socialism in Latin America, like the good little Nazi that he is.

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Kiril 11/11/2025 at 5:20 PM ↑

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Marco Rubio is a Cuban traitor.

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Randal Walker 11/11/2025 at 6:04 PM ↑

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What you said means that Rubio is a Cuban and betrayed Cuba. LOL!

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Patrik Campos 11/11/2025 at 6:12 PM ↑

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They are all traitors to humanity.

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Patrik Campos 11/11/2025 at 6:10 PM

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North Americans do not have a free and effective healthcare system.

Opioids are cheap medicines, and Hollywood has always romanticized addiction to painkillers and cigarettes.

Neglect is destroying North America, not Latinos.

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Leo 11/11/2025 at 4:09 PM

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Mr. Lavrov is right. 47 USC Section 606 flagrantly VIOLATES Article I Section 8 of the Constitution of the United States that affirms and legislates that only CONGRESS IS LAWFULLY granted authority to DECLARE WAR. Executive usurpation of this congressional constitutional power has only ensures the

MILITARY-INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX official guarantees for instituting a national state of perpetual warfare costing us trillions of dollars, accompanied by the tragic unwarranted loss of countless American lives, cut short, to serve the financial interests of the FEW FILTHY RICH INSIDERS orchestrating our foreign policy decisions through the CIA-MOSSAD-MI6 AXIS OF CRIMINAL PUSHERS OF A NEFARIOUS AGENDA to convert war into a profitable business geared for eventual world domination. As enforcers of the SWIFT FINANCIAL SYSTEM, this AXIS machinates military aggression against any NON-PARTICIPATING NATIONS whom IMF and WORLD BANK brand and label as a dangerous threat to maintaining their EXCLUSIVE GLOBAL SUPREMACY OF MONOPOLY CONTROL over all commercial transactions taking place on this Planet. So, Cuba, Venezuela, North Korea, Iran, Nicaragua, and Columbia are de facto bankers' public enemy number one to be treated no different from that meted to Iraq, Afghanistan, Libya, Syria, Yemen, Somalia, or any other country or head of State entertaining RESISTING OR LEAVING the SWIFT SYSTEM PREDICATED UPON US DOLLAR AS PRIMARY AND SOLE RESERVE CURRENCY FOR ALL FINANCIALLY DRIVEN COMMERCIAL TRADE TRANSACTIONS. Hence, the direly mandated necessity for BRICS as CHECKS-AND-BALANCES for averting a GLOBAL NUCLEAR HOLOCAUST that will exterminate and obliterate all living things on this Planet. For, SLAVE-MAKING on the Earth is a farfetched long-gone fantasy, regardless of the means by which machinated and implemented. SWIFT is such a fascist SLAVE-MAKING system aborting all attempts at economic freedom by developing countries, by imposing both POLITICAL DICTATORSHIP AND AUSTERITY MEASURES. *

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 **Mario** 11/11/2025 at 4:16 PM 

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Wow,... You could have turned that one into a bestseller. 😊

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 **USMarine FightingForAmerica** 11/11/2025 at 4:31 PM 

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Hi Mario:

Yes, you are almost correct.

THE PROBLEM: My country is under the control of a JEEEEWWW Occupation Force that has infiltrated and subverted every organ of state. As such, the rules of conduct required by the US Constitution do not apply the Criminal Cartel running my country at this time (JEEWWSSS), hence why they ignore the Restraints and Punishments of the Constitution with such ease.

JD – US Marine: Sad,.. But True,... The JEEWWSSS Are Controlling EVERY Aspect Of This Criminal Cartel That Stupid People Call A Gov't (And It Is NOT Just The USA!)

NOTE: Misspelling Intentional As The RT Comment Control Would NOT Allow My Post Until I Distorted Certain Spellings!

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