



# HEAVY ARTILLERY AGAINST THE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

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The artillery of the state against the National Assembly with opposition majority no longer gives truce. This is evidenced by the actions of institutions and officials against the Members of Parliament (MPs).

## SUPREME TRIBUNAL OF JUSTICE

- The interruption of the functioning of the Legislative Branch has not been enough, due to the **judgments issued by the Supreme Tribunal of Justice**, which have:
  1. Declared the nullity of the laws and acts issued for being in an alleged contempt.
  2. Authorized that the powers of this are assumed by other powers, including the judicial one.
  3. Violated MPs' human rights and guarantees.
- It has not been enough for Nicolás Maduro to issue 10 states of emergency and 10 extensions in which he eliminates the Parliament's power to approve:
  1. The national budget.
  2. The disposition of the resources coming from budgetary economies (It is the authorized expense not executed, or the remainder of unearned resources during the period of the budget validity period).

3. Expenditures charged to the National Treasury and other sources of financing not provided for in the annual budget.
4. The redirection of resources in special funds.
5. The formulation of the budget of the Central Bank of Venezuela.
6. The adjustment of the tax unit.
7. The signing of public interest contracts.
8. The issuance of the Special Indebtedness Law.
9. The reprogramming in the Law of Indebtedness.

### EXECUTIVE BRANCH

It was also not enough for the Executive Branch through these 10 states of emergency and its extensions to assume the Parliament's powers **to legislate in areas of great national importance**, such as:

- Exchange system.
- Agricultural production, industrial, agrifood, pharmaceutical, personal hygiene and household cleaning sectors.
- Exemption from taxes and fees.

### ILLEGITIMATE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY

Not even it was that the questioned Constituent Assembly under the control of Diosdado Cabello, issued **35 acts** in which it also assumes the Parliament's powers.

### HARASSMENT PATTERN

The determination and firmness on the part of the MPs in recovering the constitutional order and in assuming the competences legally assigned, has originated the setting in motion of **patterns that threaten the life, integrity and freedom of those who were legally elected** to represent us. There have been ten recorded patterns that have injured the right of the MPs according to MP Delsa Solorzano. These patterns are:

1. **Illegal detentions** by the Bolivarian National Intelligence Service (SEBIN)
2. Allegations of serious **violations of human rights and degrading acts** by the SEBIN. The detained MPs have denounced isolation, prohibition of visits from relatives and lawyers, lack of access to sunlight and electricity, little water, threats to the lives of relatives, psychological torture, refusal of medical assistance, use of drugs to obtain confession, limited food,

beatings, hanging by the wrists for several days and publication of degrading images.

3. **16 violations to the guarantee of parliamentary immunity:** Four actions that take place in one or two days, characterize this pattern

- a) **Nicolás Maduro orders the arrest** of the MP.
- b) **The attorney general appointed by the Constituent Assembly, Tarek William Saab, submits a request in the Supreme Tribunal of Justice (TSJ) to judicially prosecute the MP.**
- c) The Supreme Tribunal **approves Saab's application in full.**
- d) The decision is **sent to Maduro's Constituent Assembly**, who immediately authorizes the continuation of the MP's trial.

The proceedings in the TSJ are carried out **without the possibility of the MPs to exercise the right to defense and due process, and the referral of the decision to the National Assembly is omitted**, an institution that, according to what is provided in the Constitution, must authorize whether a MP should be prosecuted or not.

Under this pattern, 2 MPs have been detained by the SEBIN and are in the headquarters of that political police, despite the fact that the national constitution **establishes that they must remain in custody at their residence.**

4. **MPs' houses searches**
5. **Physical aggressions and serious threats to life, by irregular groups**
6. **Persecution** by the SEBIN and irregular groups
7. Decisions of the TSJ that **have prevented some MPs from holding office**
8. **Arrest orders against MPs' relatives**
9. **Arbitrary cancellation of the passport** by the SAIME, today under control of Gustavo Vizcaíno
10. **Disqualifications and administrative sanctions** by the Comptrollership General of the Republic, today under control of Elvis Amoroso