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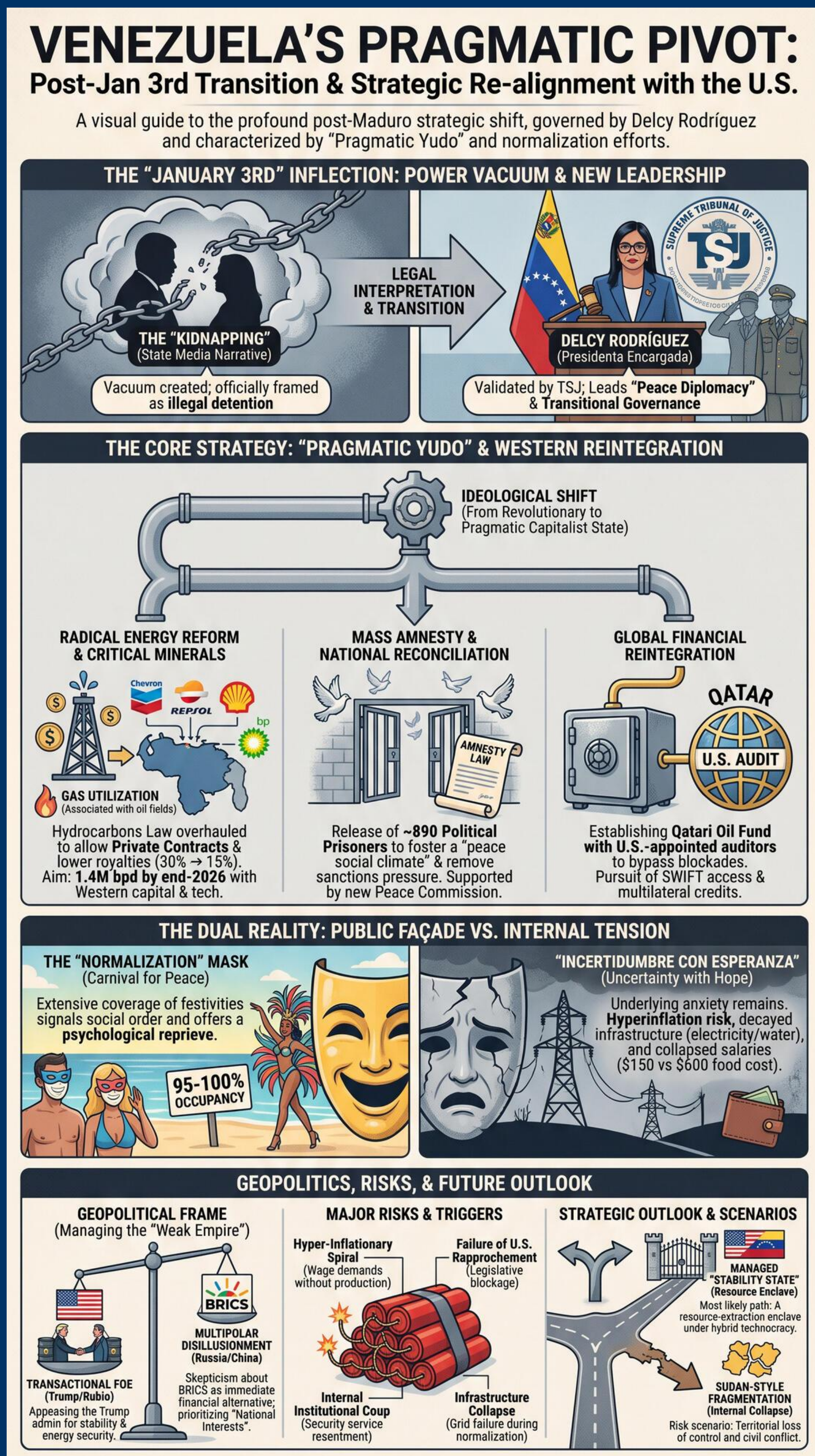

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VENEZUELAN POWER TRANSITION AND PRAGMATIC PIVOT TOWARD THE UNITED STATES DEFINES POST-JANUARY 3RD GOVERNANCE

DAY-AT-A-GLANCE

The broadcasts of February 17, 2026, reveal a Venezuela in the midst of a profound strategic realignment following an inflection point on January 3, 2026, which the state media characterizes as the **"kidnapping"** of Nicolás Maduro and his wife, Cilia Flores. In the resulting vacuum, **Delcy Rodríguez** has assumed the role of **Presidenta Encargada**, leading a governance model that emphasizes **"pragmatic yudo"**—leveraging the strength of external adversaries, specifically the United States under the second Trump administration, to secure domestic stability and economic survival. The network's hierarchy of stories prioritizes a narrative of **national reconciliation**, centered on a massive release of political prisoners under a new Amnesty Law and a structural overhaul of the **Hydrocarbons Law** designed to attract international capital back to the oil sector.

While the government promotes a **"normalization"** narrative through extensive coverage of Carnival celebrations across coastal states, the underlying strategic focus is an aggressive attempt to reintegrate into the **global financial system**. This includes the establishment of an **oil fund in Qatar** with US-appointed auditors to facilitate trade and the pursuit of credits from multilateral organizations. The editorial tone is one of cautious optimism, framing the current "transition" not as a regime change, but as a **sovereign evolution** forced by extraordinary circumstances. However, significant tensions remain regarding the **Information Warfare** environment, with state actors warning against "radical laboratories" seeking to generate chaos through disinformation on social media.

MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

Presidential Transition and the "January 3rd" Inflection Point

- State media confirms that **Delcy Rodríguez** is governing as the Presidenta Encargada following the illegal detention or "kidnapping" of Nicolás Maduro.
- The government is currently navigating a **"new political moment"** characterized by **"peace diplomacy"** and a tactical rapprochement with Washington to secure the release of Maduro and the removal of the blockade.
- The Supreme Tribunal of Justice (TSJ) has issued a legal interpretation validating this transitional leadership structure.

Radical Reform of the Hydrocarbons Sector

- The National Assembly has approved reforms to the Hydrocarbons Law, supported by a reported 94% of the population, according to government surveys.
- The reform allows for **Productive Participation Contracts** where the private investor assumes the risk, a model integrated into the **Anti-Blockade Law**.
- Tax incentives include reducing royalties from 30% to 15% for major investors to encourage the technification of wells.

Mass Amnesty and National Reconciliation

- A new Amnesty Law has led to the release of approximately **890 individuals** previously detained for political reasons.
- State analysts emphasize that this process is essential for the **"peace social climate"** and to remove the "flag of sanctions" used by radical opposition sectors.
- The government is establishing a Commission for Peace and Coexistence to serve as a guarantor of these legal processes.

Normalization of Relations with the United States

- U.S. Secretary of State **Marco Rubio** and President **Donald Trump** are portrayed as key interlocutors who have acknowledged improved social and economic conditions in Venezuela.
- Arrangements are in place for a **Qatari oil fund** with external audits to manage Venezuelan energy revenues, bypassing previous financial restrictions.
- The U.S. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has reportedly lifted flight restrictions, paving the way for direct commercial air travel between the two nations.

KEY GOVERNANCE TOPICS

Energy & Critical Minerals

- Production goals for the end of 2026 are set at 1.4 million barrels per day, up from current levels near 1 million.
- Major international players including **Chevron, Repsol, Shell, and BP** are cited as primary targets for new operational agreements.
- Specific focus on the **gas associated with oil fields**, which under new legislation can be utilized for national industry or commercialization by private operators.

Macroeconomics & Trade

- GDP growth for 2026 is projected between 10% and 15% by private consultants and state economists.
- Inflation remains the primary concern, attributed to **fiscal deficits** financed by the Central Bank without corresponding production or imports.
- The "Encargada" government is creating a Special Fund to improve income for 5.5 million pensioners and 3.5 million public workers, though analysts warn against **inflationary effects**.

Information Warfare & Disinformation

- The government identifies **"radical laboratories"** in Spain and the U.S. that are allegedly seeding rumors of arrests of high-ranking officials to generate chaos.

- Media strategy emphasizes the **"Battle for Common Sense,"** where the state seeks to control the narrative through **symbolic and cultural leadership** rather than just administrative control.

Legal Warfare & Regulatory Risk

- The **extradition of businessman Francisco D'Agostino** from Italy has been declared proceeding by the TSJ in connection with the "PDVSA-Crypto" corruption case.
- The government is officializing the **liquidation of seven state institutions** to reduce bureaucracy and adapt to new political directives.

DEEP DIVE: TRENDS AND THEMES

The Transition from "Revolutionary" to "Pragmatic Capitalist" State

There is a visible shift in the state's ideological rhetoric. The previous emphasis on socialist collectivization is being replaced by a **neoliberal-inflected pragmatism**. Analysts on the network describe the Hydrocarbons Law reform not as privatization, but as **"sovereign negotiation"** necessitated by a lack of technology and capital within the state-run PDVSA. This trend suggests a strategic decision by the current leadership to decouple economic survival from ideological purity, effectively adopting a **"China-style"** model where the state maintains political control while opening key sectors to **Western capital** under a framework of "security and legal certainty."

Normalization via Leisure: The "Carnival" Mask

A significant portion of airtime is dedicated to **Carnival festivities**, beach occupancy rates (95-100% in La Guaira), and cultural traditions like the **"Baile de la Burriquita."** This serves a dual purpose: first, to signal to the international community that social order is maintained despite the "January 3rd" crisis; and second, to provide the domestic population with a **psychological reprieve** from political instability. By framing these as **"Carnavales por la Paz,"** the state implicitly ties holiday enjoyment to the success of its current political transition.

The "Multipolar" Disillusionment

While the **BRICS** and allies like Russia, China, and Iran are still mentioned as dignified partners, there is a emerging skepticism about their ability to provide an immediate alternative to the **US-dominated financial system**. The discourse has shifted toward acknowledging **"national interests"** over romanticized alliances. The government's focus on the **SWIFT system** and U.S. audited funds in Qatar indicates a realization that reintegration into Western financial channels is the only viable path to short-term liquidity.

INTERNAL DYNAMICS & DOMESTIC INSTABILITY

The host nation, Venezuela, exhibits a **bifurcated domestic reality**. On the surface, the state projects an image of **institutional unity** under Delcy Rodríguez, yet the transcripts allude to significant **undercurrents of anxiety**. The "normalization" effort is challenged by what analysts call **"incertidumbre con esperanza"** (uncertainty with hope) among the populace. The massive exodus of Venezuelans (estimated at 5 million+) is acknowledged as a structural wound that has

shrunk the domestic economy (e.g., "10 million fewer arepas per day").

Polarization remains high, but the government is successfully **marginalizing radical opposition factions** by co-opting moderate elements into a **"National Reconciliation"** dialogue. The "January 3rd" event has allowed the Rodríguez administration to frame any further protest as **"acts of war"** or illegal attempts at coups, while using the Amnesty Law to **drain the political prisoner issue** of its potency. However, the **decay of critical infrastructure** (electricity and water) and the **collapse of teacher salaries** ($150/month vs. $600/month food costs) remain the primary sources of potential long-term instability.

EXTERNAL DYNAMICS & GLOBAL POSTURE

The world is portrayed as a **fracturing multipolar arena** where traditional "empires" (U.S. and Europe) are in **moral and economic decline**, yet still maintain decisive coercive power. The U.S. is framed not just as a foe, but as a **"weak empire"** in decay that must be managed through **"geopolitical yudo."** The framing of Secretary of State **Marco Rubio's** Senate testimony as "genial" or admirably strong indicates a strategic pivot: the government is no longer purely antagonistic but is actively trying to **appease the Trump administration's** desire for "stability" and energy security.

Regionally, Venezuela is positioning itself to **re-enter Mercosur and the Andean Community**, seeking to move away from isolated "bloc politics" toward a posture of **"independent integration."** The successful negotiation of aid from **Brazil, UAE, and Qatar** for medical supplies (following the destruction of warehouses on Jan 3) highlights a diversification of humanitarian and economic channels.

THE ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT

Venezuela's economy is characterized by a **violent transition** from a period of absolute collapse toward a **resource-driven rebound**, contingent entirely on the success of the current political rapprochement with the West.

Key Economic Vectors

- **Oil Losses:** The government claims 300,000 million dollars in lost revenue due to the blockade since 2014.
- **Frozen Assets:** Approximately 30,000 million dollars remain blocked in 41 international banks.
- **Export Recovery:** Non-oil exports grew by 6% in Q3 2025, with significant spikes in vegetable products (100.12%).
- **Currency Dynamics:** The gap between the **Central Bank (BCV) rate** and the "parallel" dollar has recently narrowed, though inflationary pressure remains due to high government spending expectations.
- **Labor Market Distress:** Despite growth projections, per capita income in 2025 was $3,300, far below the 2013 peak, with public sector wages failing to cover basic nutritional needs.

LEADERSHIP CHANGES

The current administration is aggressively restructuring the state apparatus to consolidate power under the "Encargada" model and reward loyalty among technocrats willing to work with the new economic reality.

- **Delcy Rodríguez:** Elevated to **Presidenta Encargada**, centralizing control over the executive branch after the January 3rd events validated by the TSJ.
- **Andreina Tarasón:** Appointed **Vice-Minister of Commercial Policy** and President of the Country Brand Foundation, tasked with the "unification of economic identity."
- **Anmi Bonet Pérez González:** Named the new **Superintendent of the Banking Sector**, replacing Delix Adriana Álvarez Márquez as part of a financial sector reorganization.
- **Johan Carlos Álvarez Márquez:** Promoted to **Vice-Minister of Export Promotion**, signaling a pivot toward market-oriented trade strategies.
- **William Castillo Boyer:** Serving as **Vice-Minister for Anti-Blockade Policies**, currently the primary **narrative architect** for the transition within the Ministry of Finance.

EDITORIAL POSTURE & STORY HIERARCHY

Globovisión's editorial strategy for the day is one of **"Guided Stability."** The lead stories are overwhelmingly positive and non-political on the surface: **Carnival tourism**, public health advice (cardiology and urology), and cultural heritage. This hierarchy effectively **buries the acute political crisis** of the Maduro "kidnapping" under a layer of mundane normalcy. When politics are discussed, it is through the lens of **structural reform** (Hydrocarbons and Amnesty) rather than immediate conflict. The emotional tone is **reassuring and patriotic**, emphasizing the resilience of the Venezuelan "people" while omitting any detailed discussion of the **armed forces' internal stance** or the current **physical status of Nicolás Maduro**, which remains a conspicuous and glaring omission given the "kidnapping" narrative.

GEOPOLITICAL FRAMING

The geopolitical landscape is framed as a shift from ideological confrontation to a high-stakes **mercantile negotiation** where power is respected over principles.

COUNTRIES

- **United States:** Portrayed as a **competent but transactional foe**. Characterized as an "empire in decay" that is nonetheless acting realistically by prioritizing oil over regime change. The Trump administration is framed as a **"manager of Venezuela's potential"** rather than its destroyer.
- **Russia:** Framed as a **principled but limited ally**. While Russia's rejection of the Jan 3 event is highlighted as "dignified," the broadcast emphasizes that Russia is a competitor in the global oil market, reinforcing the "national interest" over "romantic alliances."
- **Sudan:** Framed as a **cautionary tale of chaos**. The war in Sudan is used as a mirror to show what happens when "foreign intromission" destroys a single state, implicitly justifying the Rodríguez administration's "stability first" approach.

LEADERS

- **Donald Trump:** Portrayed as a **pragmatic strategist**. He is described as a leader who "doesn't remember" past failures but is ready to move forward if there is stability and profit.
- **Marco Rubio:** Characterized as a **strong and "genial" negotiator**. His recognition that Venezuela is "much better" socially and economically is widely circulated as validation of the current government's success.
- **Gustavo Petro:** Framed as a **modern and intelligent mediator**. His role in delivering lists of "narco" suspects to Trump and his "Petro-style" discourse on peace is treated with high regard, presenting him as the intellectual bridge between the left and the new Trumpian reality.

NON-STATE & CORPORATE ACTORS

- **Chevron / Repsol / BP / Shell:** Framed as **eager partners** waiting for "legal security." Their return is presented as a guarantee of Venezuelan recovery.
- **Foro Penal:** Acknowledged as a **"serious organism"** for tracking political prisoners, a rare state-media validation of an NGO that underscores the government's current pivot to transparency and amnesty.

INFORMATION WARFARE ENVIRONMENT

The current information environment is a **clash of digital "laboratories."** The government claims that **opposition laboratories in Spain** are using social media to fabricate "fake news" about internal purges. The network emphasizes the danger of **"filters" and "virtual dissociation,"** particularly in lifestyle and beauty content, but this serves as a **proxy for broader political skepticism**—teaching the audience that what they see on their screens is not reality. The "meta-narrative" of the day is that **"time is the ally of truth,"** a phrase used to ask for patience as the **Jan 3rd fallout** settles. This tactic is used to dismiss legitimate questions about the transparency of the transition.

HYPOTHESES AND FUTURE OUTLOOK

- **Economic "Dollarization" Deepening:** The creation of a Qatari fund and the involvement of the U.S. Treasury suggest that the **Bolívar will become increasingly vestigial**, with oil revenues and public salaries likely being managed through U.S.-sanctioned dollar channels.
- **Shift to a "Third Way" Opposition:** The government's support for "moderate" business-aligned opposition (e.g., Fedecámaras and Luis Picella) indicates a plan to **replace traditional ideological parties** with a corporate-political class that prioritizes stability over democracy.
- **Energy Sector Re-Westernization:** The rapid move to lower royalties and the re-entry of European/US majors suggests that Venezuela is **deprioritizing agreements with Rosneft or CNPC** in favor of Western technologies that can faster revive production.

STRATEGIC FORESIGHT

Short Term (1-4 Weeks): Expect the completion of the **Amnesty Law prisoner**

releases to reach over 1,500 people, used as a bargaining chip for further U.S. sanctions relief. High likelihood of **direct flight resumption** between Miami and Caracas as a symbolic victory.

Medium Term (1-6 Months): The government will likely formalize its **exit from certain socialist subsidies**, replacing them with targeted "Bono" payments funded by the new Qatari-U.S. monitored oil accounts. This will lead to a **clash with radical labor unions** who see the $150 minimum wage as insufficient.

Long Term (1-5 Years): Venezuela will likely transition into a **managed "Stability State"** where political contestation is limited to state-approved candidates, and the economy is a **resource-extraction enclave** managed through a hybrid U.S.-Venezuelan technocracy, effectively ending the "Bolivarian Revolution" in everything but name.

RISK ASSESSMENT

The current transition is high-risk, reliant on the volatile foreign policy of a second Trump administration and the fragile internal cohesion of the Chavista elite after the Maduro "kidnapping."

- **Hyper-Inflationary Salary Spiral:** The government is under intense pressure to **raise public wages**; if they do so without a real-time increase in oil production and dollar liquidity, they risk a return to 2017-style hyperinflation. **Triggers:** Mass strikes by teachers or health workers. **Likelihood:** High. **Impact:** Catastrophic social unrest. **Mitigations:** Immediate disbursement of the **Qatari fund**.
- **Failure of the "January 3rd" Rapprochement:** If the release of Maduro is not secured or if the U.S. Congress **blocks Rubio's diplomatic pivot**, the Delcy Rodríguez government could **retreat into a radical defensive posture**. **Triggers:** U.S. legislative pushback. **Likelihood:** Moderate. **Impact:** Return to total isolation. **Mitigations:** Deepening **direct deals with U.S. oil majors** who can lobby Washington.
- **Internal Institutional Coup:** The "Amnesty" and "Liquidation" of institutions might be **resented by the security services** or old-guard Maduro loyalists. **Triggers:** Removal of high-ranking generals. **Likelihood:** Moderate. **Impact:** Violent power struggle. **Mitigations:** Continued inclusion of **military figures in economic reform** (e.g., PDVSA-military joint ventures).
- **Infrastructure Collapse During "Normalization":** The state is promoting heavy tourism while the **electrical grid remains "inefficient"** due to a lack of spare parts from the blockade. **Triggers:** Major multi-state blackout. **Likelihood:** High. **Impact:** Public anger and economic paralysis. **Mitigations:** Private investment in electricity under the **new reform laws**.
- **Sudan-Style Regional Fragmentation:** The focus on **coastal states** (La Guaira, Falcón) while neglecting the interior (Llanos, Amazon) could lead to **territorial loss of control**. **Triggers:** Rise in illicit mining activity in the south. **Likelihood:** Moderate. **Impact:** State fracturing. **Mitigations:** Expanded military operations against illegal mining in Amazonas.

GAPS & BLIND SPOTS

- **Status of Nicolás Maduro:** There is zero medical or logistical detail on **where the former president is being held** or the conditions of his "kidnapping." The absence of any proof of life or clear explanation of the "January 3rd" event suggests a possible internal purge being reframed for public consumption.
- **Role of the Military (FANB):** Aside from one mention of a **"woman with the baton of command"** in the FANB, there is no discussion of the Generals' alignment with Delcy Rodríguez's pivot. The military's position is usually the decisive factor in Venezuelan power shifts.
- **Debt Restructuring Details:** The network mentions "paying back everyone" (Raimundo y todo el mundo), but fails to explain how Venezuela will handle its massive debt to China and Russia while prioritizing payments to U.S.-monitored funds.
- **Opposition Sentiment:** The "94% support" for oil reforms seems mathematically suspect. There is **no coverage of dissenting voices** within the Chavista base or the radical opposition who might see the reforms as a betrayal of national sovereignty.

CONTRARIAN NARRATIVE SCENARIOS

The "Managed Collapse" Hypothesis: Rather than a sovereign transition, the Rodríguez administration may be presiding over a **U.S.-orchestrated dismantling** of the Chavista state. The "kidnapping" of Maduro could be a facade for a **negotiated exile** to preserve the wealth of the elite while handing the nation's energy assets to **U.S. corporations**. The "normalization" via Carnival is merely a tactic to prevent an uncontrollable popular uprising while the state's fundamental institutions are being liquidated.

The "Bait and Switch" Overture: The government's move toward Amnesty and U.S.-led oil reform may be a **cynical stalling tactic**. Once the $30 billion in blocked assets are released and production hits 1.5 million barrels, the leadership might **re-nationalize assets** or pivot back to an alliance with a more aggressive Russia/China bloc, calculating that the U.S. will be too dependent on Venezuelan oil to re-impose a total blockade.

Black Swan Event: A **sudden assassination** of a key "moderate" figure (e.g., Delcy Rodríguez or a Fedecámaras leader) by a **hardline military faction** opposed to the U.S. pivot could trigger an **immediate military coup**, ending the civilian-led transition and plunging the country into a civil war similar to the Sudan scenario described on the network.

RECOMMENDATIONS & IMPLICATIONS

For Statecraft/Public Sector:

- **Diplomatic Verification:** Western governments should condition the release of further funds on **transparent, internationally monitored proof of life** and status for Nicolás Maduro to ensure the Jan 3rd event isn't masking a wider human rights crisis.

- **Infrastructure Alignment:** Aid and investment from regional partners (Brazil/UAE) should be prioritized for decentralized electrical and water projects to prevent a grid collapse that could undo the current political stabilization.
- **Amnesty Monitoring:** External observers must verify that the **890 releases** are permanent and not replaced by new detentions of anti-Rodríguez "radicals."

For Private Sector/Investors:

- **Regulatory Compliance:** Investors entering the **oil and gas sector** must carefully navigate the Qatari fund mechanism to ensure compliance with both the new Venezuelan Hydrocarbons Law and remaining U.S. sanctions protocols.
- **Supply Chain Resilience:** Corporate actors in the **automotive and textile sectors** should prepare for a re-entry of U.S. brands that could rapidly displace established regional players as the "Encargada" government pushes for cheaper U.S. imports to curb inflation.
- **Capital Allocation Strategy:** High-risk/high-reward opportunities exist in the "Zone Económicas Especiales" in La Guaira, but investors should maintain **high liquidity** due to the risk of a "January 3rd" type event causing sudden policy shifts.

LEGISLATIVE ROUNDUP

The National Assembly is currently operating as a **reform factory**, producing legislation designed to dismantle the "blockade" narrative and replace it with a "legal security" framework for international capital.

BILLS DISCUSSED/DEBATED:

- **Partial Reform of the Hydrocarbons Law:** Strategic intent is to allow private majority stakes in operational ventures and lower royalty burdens to attract U.S. and European majors.
- **The Amnesty Law:** Intent is to purge the political prisoner caseload, facilitating national reconciliation and removing a primary U.S. diplomatic grievance.
- **Export Promotion Law:** A new framework allowing tax rebates for non-traditional exports, specifically targeting minerals and processed agricultural goods.
- **Law for the Protection of Citizens' Rights:** Currently in consultation phase, aimed at codifying some of the protections lost during the previous emergency periods.

HEARINGS & PRESS EVENTS:

- **Venezuelan Observatory Regional Economy Balance:** Reported a 100% occupancy rate in coastal tourism zones, used to demonstrate social stability.
- **Marco Rubio Bratislava Press Conference:** Provided external validation of Venezuelan improvements, a key piece of information for the current administration's domestic legitimacy.
- **Forum for Young Leaders / Fedecámaras:** Advocated for a "tripartite" labor-government-business management of the economy, moving away from state-centric models.

KEY STORIES

- **Mass Release of Political Prisoners:** The Amnesty Law has resulted in **890 releases**, including 444 in the last five weeks alone, aimed at closing the "political prisoner" chapter of the crisis.
- **The January 3rd Transition:** Official narrative explains that **Delcy Rodríguez** is governing as Presidenta Encargada following the kidnapping of Nicolás Maduro, with TSJ and military backing.
- **Hydrocarbons Law Overhaul:** New **Productive Participation Contracts** and royalty cuts to 15% aim to bring Chevron and others back to deep-drilling operations.
- **US-Venezuela Rapprochement:** Secretary of State **Marco Rubio** and President **Donald Trump** have recognized social improvements and are facilitating a Qatari oil revenue fund.
- **Carnival Normalization Campaign:** State media reports 100% beach occupancy in La Guaira and high tourism in Falcón and Mérida as proof of a country "at peace."
- **Economic Growth Forecasts:** Analysts project 10-15% GDP growth for 2026, contingent on oil sector reinvestment and the stabilization of the dollar gap.
- **Extradition of Francisco D'Agostino:** The TSJ moves to extradite the businessman from Italy in connection to a oil-for-China smuggling ring that bypassed the Central Bank.
- **Liquidation of State Entities:** Seven institutions, including the Fundación Misión Jóvenes de la Patria, are being dissolved to streamline the Rodríguez presidency.
- **FAA Lifts Aviation Bans:** After 7 years, the lifting of "NOTAMS" and FAA restrictions paves the way for direct commercial flights between Venezuela and the U.S.
- **Sudan War Analysis:** Deep coverage of the **SAF vs. RSF conflict** serves as a geopolitical warning about the risks of internal state collapse.
- **Cacao Export Strategy:** Venezuela seeks to leverage its **0.04% of global production** to reach premium international markets by shifting from "F2" to "F1" quality beans.
- **Cardiovascular Health & Sleep:** Extensive segment on the risks of insomnia and blue light for heart health, emphasizing personal well-being over politics.
- **Urology Advice:** Public health warning regarding urinary tract infections in women and hygiene practices during holiday periods.
- **Expoferia Mérida 2026:** Showcase of **regional banking (Sofitaza)** and food processing companies expanding their footprint in the Andean region.
- **Environmental Oil Technology:** Proposals to replace **diesel with natural gas** in oil fields to reduce greenhouse emissions under the new law.
- **Automotive Sector Rebound:** Estimates that 50,000 vehicles will be sold in 2026, a 119% increase driven by better access to financing.
- **Anti-Drowning Operations:** Security forces report **zero immersion deaths** and only four minor traffic accidents during the high-volume Carnival period in La Guaira.

- **International AI Summit:** Coverage of the **New Delhi summit** where OpenAI's Sam Altman and Google's Sundar Pichai discussed AI's impact on employment.
- **France Flooding Emergency:** Report on the **"crecida del siglo"** (flood of the century) affecting 78 French departments.
- **Peru Interim Crisis:** Analysis of the **possible destitution** of the interim president José Jerí amid corruption allegations.
- **Haiti Control Prioritization:** Antigua and Barbuda call for **multidimensional support** to stabilize Haiti after the resignation of Ariel Henry.
- **Iran-US Dialogue in Oman:** Mediation efforts continue in Muscat for a nuclear deal framework despite past stalemates.
- **Israel/Palestine Ramadan Restrictions:** Tensions rise as Israel **limits Ramadan permits** at the Al-Aqsa mosque to 10,000.
- **Petro-Trump Lists:** Colombian President **Gustavo Petro** delivers a list of high-profile narco suspects to the U.S. to secure intelligence support.

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