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REPORT: ACTING PRESIDENT DELCY RODRÍGUEZ ACCELERATES STRATEGIC PIVOT TOWARD UNITED STATES - MARCH 10, 2026

VISUALIZING THE POLITICAL & ECONOMIC REALIGNMENT POST-JANUARY 3RD EVENTS

DAY-AT-A-GLANCE



ACTING PRESIDENT DELCY RODRÍGUEZ SECURES US RECOGNITION (TRUMP PRAISES 'ENERGY STABILITY'). RAPID LEGISLATIVE REFORMS FOR PRIVATE CAPITAL DISMANTLING 'SECTARIAN' MODEL FOR 'NATIONAL' CONSENSUS.



MAJOR ESCALATION IN MIDDLE EAST (US-LED OPERATION AGAINST IRAN) CAUSES ENERGY VOLATILITY. VENEZUELA POSITIONS AS 'STABLE' ALTERNATIVE SUPPLIER.



FIRST \$100M GOLD SHIPMENT TO US EXECUTED UNDER NEW TREASURY LICENSES. DOMESTIC FOCUS ON SOCIAL ORDER VIA 'POPULAR CONSULTATIONS' & ENTREPRENEURSHIP, AMID INFLATION PRESSURE.

MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS



US-VENEZUELA DIPLOMATIC NORMALIZATION. TRUMP ENDORSES RODRÍGUEZ. HIGH-LEVEL US VISITS (ENERGY, INTERIOR). DIRECT FLIGHTS RESUMED (CARACAS-MIAMI).



LEGISLATIVE OVERHAUL OF EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRIES. FAST-TRACKED ORGANIC MINING LAW (30-YEAR CONCESSIONS, INTL ARBITRATION) TO ATTRACT US CONGLOMERATES.



GLOBAL ENERGY SHOCK INVERSION. OIL PRICES SURGE (PEAK \$120), EUROPEAN GAS JUMPS. VENEZUELA MONITORS TRUMP'S 'PRICE-CONTROL' IMPACT ON PROJECTED \$33-54B REVENUE.



POST-JANUARY 3RD GOVERNANCE TRANSITION. 'DELICITROIKA' MODEL FOR DEPOLARIZATION. INCORPORATING OPPOSITION TECHNICAL EXPERTS (E.G., VICE MINISTER FOR NA/EUROPE).



ECONOMIC RE-INTEGRATION VIA CRITICAL MINERALS. FIRST \$100M GOLD SHIPMENT TO US (GENERAL LICENSE 51) FOR 'CRITICAL MINERALS' IN TECH COMPETITION WITH CHINA.

KEY GOVERNANCE TOPICS



ELITE POLITICS & LEADERSHIP DYNAMICS. 'DELICITROIKA' NARRATIVE: 'ABSENCE' OF MADURO & FLORES, CONSOLIDATING POWER UNDER RODRÍGUEZ. APPOINTING NON-PSUV STAFF FOR BROADER GOVT.



ECONOMIC SECURITY & FINANCIAL RESILIENCE. BCY DISTRIBUTES \$70M TO WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS (MITIGATE INFLATION). URGENT CALL FOR BANK RESERVE REQUIREMENT REDUCTION TO STIMULATE CREDIT. CYBERCRIME TARGETS GIG ECONOMY (YUM!).



ENERGY SECURITY & GEOPOLITICAL POWER DYNAMICS. VENEZUELA AS HEDGE AGAINST HORMUZ CLOSURE. PDVSA EXPANDS MIXED ENTERPRISES FOR PRODUCTION SPIKES. US PRIORITIZES FOSSIL FUELS & RARE EARTHS OVER 'GREEN TRANSITION'.



DOMESTIC STABILITY & SOCIAL ORDER. 'NATIONAL POPULAR CONSULTATION' (35% TURNOUT, INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS). PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS (SURGICAL BACKLOG). CULTURAL TRENDS (THERIANS) SPARK DEBATE.

LEGISLATIVE ROUNDUP



ORGANIC MINING LAW: NATIONAL AGENCY, 4% ROYALTIES, INTL ARBITRATION, 30-YEAR CONCESSIONS.



REFORM OF HYDROCARBONS LAW: ALLOWS PRIVATE MAJORITIES IN MIXED COMPANIES & DIRECT MGMT.



AMNESTY LAW: CONTENTIOUS DEBATE ON 'POLITICAL PRISONERS' RELEASE. USED AS BARGAINING CHIP.



REFORM OF LABOR LAW: PROPOSALS TO INDEX WAGES & ADJUST SEVERANCE TO COMBAT INFLATION.

AGGRESSIVE EFFORT TO LEWRITE SOCIAL/ECONOMIC CONTRACT FOR MARKET-FRIENDLY, US-COMPATIBLE FRAMEWORK ('LAWFARE' FOR 'LEGAL SECURITY').

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DELICITROIKA
THE 'DELICITROIKA' NARRATIVE: PLANNED LIBERALIZATION & SOFTENING OF PERSECUTION TO SATISFY US SANCTIONS LIFTING. DELICATE BALANCE OF 'CHAVISTA' IDENTITY WITH NEOLIBERAL REFORMS.



VENEZUELAN SAUDI REDUX
ENERGY REALPOLITIK & THE 'VENEZUELAN SAUDI' REDUX: VENEZUELA AS 'STABLE' PARTNER AMID GULF VOLATILITY. PRAGMATIC ALLIANCE TO 'ANCHOR' US INTERESTS AND PREVENT RETURN TO 'MAXIMUM PRESSURE'.



SOCIAL FRAGMENTATION
SOCIAL FRAGMENTATION & INFLATION GAP: WIDENING WEALTH GAP BETWEEN US-LINKED ECONOMY AND STATE-DEPENDENT. INFRASTRUCTURE FAILURE REMAINS CRITICAL RISK.

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STRATEGIC FORESIGHT

SHORT TERM (1-4 WEEKS):
MINING LAW PASSES. US MINING INFILUX. 'SOCIAL FUND' ANNOUNCED TO QUELL UNREST.

MEDIUM TERM (1-6 MONTHS):
PRESSURE FOR ELECTION CALENDAR. TRUMP MAY PUSH FOR 'MANAGED ELECTION' TO LEGITIMIZE STATUS QUO.

LONG TERM (1-5 YEARS):
VENEZUELA AS PRIMARY NODE IN US-LED 'WESTERN HEMISPHERIC ENERGY BLOCK'. RISKS: 'DUTCH DISEASE' & EXTREME CORRUPTION.

RECOMMENDATIONS & IMPLICATIONS

FOR INTERNATIONAL POLICY: US-VENEZUELA RAPPROCHMENT ISOLATES IRAN IN LATIN AMERICA. REGIONAL NEIGHBORS ADJUST TO US-ALIGNED VENEZUELA. MIGRATION PROTOCOLS SUGGEST COORDINATED DEPORTATION PROGRAM.

FOR PRIVATE SECTOR/INVESTORS: REGULATORY OPPORTUNITY: NEW LAWS OFFER FAVORABLE TERMS (INTL ARBITRATION). SUPPLY CHAIN RISK: INFRASTRUCTURE DECAY IS BOTTLENECK. COMPLIANCE CAUTION: HIGH SCRUTINY ON 'SOCIAL FUND' & SANCTIONED INDIVIDUALS (US TREASURY LICENSE 51).

REPORT FINDINGS OVERVIEW: VENEZUELA TRADES IDEOLOGICAL ALIGNMENT FOR ECONOMIC SURVIVAL, BECOMING A US-ALIGNED ENERGY COMPETITOR IN A VOLATILE GLOBAL LANDSCAPE.

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CONFLICT

DAY-AT-A-GLANCE

The political and economic landscape of Venezuela on March 10, 2026, is defined by a radical realignment of domestic and foreign policy following the pivotal events of January 3rd. Acting President Delcy Rodríguez has successfully secured [explicit recognition from US President Donald Trump](#), who praised her administration for maintaining energy stability "without interruptions." This diplomatic thaw is being institutionalized through rapid legislative reforms, most notably the first discussion of a new [Organic Mining Law](#), which mirrors recent hydrocarbons reforms by opening state-dominated sectors to private American and international capital. The administration is leveraging the vacuum left by the removal of the previous leadership to dismantle the "sectarian" political model in favor of a

"national" consensus geared toward economic recovery.

The urgency of this pivot is underscored by a major escalation in the Middle East, where a US-led military operation against Iran has induced extreme volatility in global energy markets. While [crude prices spiked briefly to \\$120 per barrel](#) due to the closure of the Strait of Hormuz, Trump's subsequent claims of an imminent end to the conflict have caused prices to retreat toward the \$90 range. Venezuela is positioning itself as a vital "stable" alternative supplier, already executing the first [\\$100 million shipment of gold](#) to the United States under newly issued Treasury licenses. Domestically, the government is attempting to maintain social order through "Popular Consultations" and targeted investments in women's entrepreneurship and infrastructure, though systemic inflation and a widening exchange rate gap continue to pressure the general population.

MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

- **US-Venezuela Diplomatic Normalization:** President Trump has officially endorsed the "Acting Presidency" of Delcy Rodríguez, signaling a departure from previous policy. High-level US officials, including the Secretaries of Energy and Interior, have visited Miraflores to [formalize cooperation in energy and mining](#). This includes the resumption of direct flights between Caracas and Miami via American Airlines for the first time since 2019.

- **Legislative Overhaul of Extractive Industries:** The National Assembly has fast-tracked the [Organic Mining Law](#) to replace the 1999 framework. The bill proposes 30-year concessions and allows for international arbitration in disputes, a key demand for attracting US-based mining conglomerates.
- **Global Energy Shock Inversion:** The ongoing "Epic Fury" military operation in Iran led to a [20% surge in oil prices](#) and a 15% jump in European gas. However, Venezuelan officials and analysts are monitoring how Trump's "price-control" rhetoric and potential release of strategic reserves will impact the \$33 billion to \$54 billion in [projected oil revenue](#) for Venezuela this year.
- **Post-January 3rd Governance Transition:** Political discourse has shifted toward a "Delcitroika" model—a play on perestroika—aimed at [depolarizing the nation](#) and incorporating opposition technical experts into the executive, such as the appointment of Oliver Blanco as Vice Minister for North America and Europe.
- **Economic Re-integration via Critical Minerals:** US Secretary of Interior Duke Burgum confirmed the receipt of the [first Venezuelan gold shipment](#) valued at \$100 million. This marks the operationalization of General License 51, focusing on "critical minerals" essential for US technological competition with China.

KEY GOVERNANCE TOPICS

Elite Politics & Leadership Dynamics

- The administration continues to grapple with the "absence" of Nicolás Maduro and Cilia Flores, with officials [calling for their return](#) while simultaneously consolidating power under Rodríguez. The "3 de enero" event is framed as an "attack" that necessitated the current transition.
- Efforts to "nationalize" the political landscape involve appointing [non-PSUV technical staff](#) to high-level roles to satisfy US demands for a broader-based government.

Economic Security & Financial Resilience

- The Central Bank of Venezuela (BCV) has been instructed to distribute [\\$70 million to women entrepreneurs](#), a move to mitigate the impact of 500% year-on-year monetary expansion.
- Economists are urging a [reduction in the 73% bank reserve requirement](#) to stimulate credit, which remains largely frozen, hindering small and medium-sized enterprise growth.
- The digital service Yumi was targeted by [cybercriminals seeking the data of 30,000 drivers](#), highlighting vulnerabilities in the country's growing gig economy.

Energy Security & Geopolitical Power Dynamics

- Venezuela is positioning itself as a hedge against the [Strait of Hormuz closure](#). High-level planning meetings with PDVSA leadership focused on expanding [mixed enterprises](#) to reach production goals.

- The US-Iran conflict has rendered the "Green Transition" secondary to immediate hydrocarbon security, with US officials seeking [stable supply chains](#) for fossil fuels and rare earth elements found in Venezuela's south.

Domestic Stability & Social Order

- The "National Popular Consultation" on March 8th reportedly saw [35% voter turnout](#), with communities prioritizing 36,000 projects related to water, electricity, and local roads.
- Public health remains a flashpoint; while officials celebrate "Doctors' Day," reports indicate a [massive surgical backlog](#) (over 120,000 children) and a breakdown in the private insurance chain due to non-payment by state entities.
- A bizarre cultural trend of "Therians" (individuals identifying as animals) has [surfaced in social media discourse](#), prompting legal and psychological analysis on the limits of self-expression in public spaces.

LEGISLATIVE ROUNDUP

The current legislative period is marked by an aggressive effort to rewrite the Venezuelan social and economic contract to align with a more market-friendly, US-compatible framework. This "Lawfare" approach seeks to provide "legal security" to foreign investors who were previously deterred by nationalization risks.

BILLS DISCUSSED/DEBATED:

- **Organic Mining Law (Proyecto de Ley de Minería):** Replaces the 1999 law; establishes the "National Agency for Mining Management," sets royalties at 4%, and [allows for international arbitration](#) and 30-year renewable concessions.
- **Reform of the Hydrocarbons Law (Ley de Hidrocarburos):** Recently approved to [allow private majorities in mixed companies](#) and direct management of operations by non-state partners.
- **Amnesty Law (Ley de Amnistía):** Contentious debate regarding the release of "political prisoners." While some have been released, opposition figures claim [over 600-5,000 remain](#) (disputed figures) and that the law is being used as a bargaining chip with Washington.
- **Reform of the Labor Law (Ley del Trabajo):** Proposals to [index wages and adjust severance pay](#) to prevent the "pulverization" of income by inflation.

HEARINGS & PRESS EVENTS:

- **National Assembly Plenary:** First discussion of the Mining Law [led by Orlando Camacho](#), emphasizing "independent mediation" to attract capital.
- **Delcy Rodríguez Press Briefing:** Affirmed that Venezuela is [not a "narco-state"](#) and is cooperating with the US on drug interdiction to "protect the truth" of the nation.
- **Diosdado Cabello Weekly Meeting:** Evaluated the success of the [communal voting process](#) as a sign of PSUV resilience post-January 3rd.

- **Sectoral Meeting on Hydrocarbons:** Rodríguez and PDVSA President Héctor Obregón [met with international partners](#) to define strategies for production spikes.

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The "Delcitroika" Narrative

A significant shift is occurring in the state's internal rhetoric. High-profile analysts are now openly [praising the "positive signals"](#) of the Rodríguez administration, contrasting them with the "sectarian" and "radical" stances of the past. The term "Delcitroika" suggests a planned liberalization of the economy and a softening of political persecution to satisfy the Trump administration's requirements for lifting sanctions. This trend involves a delicate dance: maintaining the "Chavista" identity for the base while [executing neoliberal-adjacent reforms](#) in the extractive sectors.

Energy Realpolitik and the "Venezuelan Saudi" Redux

The Middle East conflict has fundamentally changed Venezuela's leverage. Analysts note that Venezuela is currently a ["stable" energy partner](#) compared to the volatility of the Gulf. This has forced a pragmatic alliance between the "revolutionary" government and the Trump-led US. The rapid approval of mining and oil laws is designed to "anchor" US interests in Venezuelan soil, making any future return to a "Maximum Pressure" campaign economically painful for US companies that have just [re-entered the market](#).

Social Fragmentation and the Inflation Gap

Despite the "macro" wins, there is a visible trend of social fragmentation. The [wealth gap is widening](#) between those with access to the new US-linked economy and those dependent on the state. Infrastructure failure remains a critical risk; for example, a [major landslide in the Turimiquere tunnel](#) has disrupted water for Sucre and Nueva Esparta, requiring a high-level military intervention to fix. The "Popular Consultation" is being used as a pressure valve to give local communities a sense of agency in a rapidly changing national context.

STRATEGIC FORESIGHT

Short Term (1-4 Weeks): The Organic Mining Law will likely pass its second discussion after a perfunctory "consultation" phase, leading to an [immediate influx of US mining representatives](#) to the Bolívar state region. We expect a formal announcement of a new "Social Fund" for workers, funded by the initial \$100 million gold and oil revenues, to quell labor unrest ahead of the April-May period.

Medium Term (1-6 Months): Pressure will mount for a [definitive election calendar](#). While the US prefers stability, the "interim" nature of the Rodríguez presidency cannot be sustained indefinitely under the current constitution. Trump may push for a "managed election" where Rodríguez or a hand-picked successor competes against a "potable" opposition to legitimize the new status quo.

Long Term (1-5 Years): Venezuela is on a trajectory to become a [primary node in the US-led "Western Hemispheric Energy Block."](#) This will involve structural decoupling from Russian and Iranian influence in exchange for massive infrastructure reinvestment from US firms. However, the risk of "Dutch Disease"

and extreme corruption in the new "unsupervised" mining sector remains a long-term threat to structural stability.

RECOMMENDATIONS & IMPLICATIONS

For International Policy:

- The US-Venezuela rapprochement effectively [isolates Iran's influence](#) in Latin America, as Caracas trades ideological alignment for economic survival.
- Regional neighbors (Colombia, Brazil) must adjust to a Venezuela that is no longer a pariah but a [US-aligned energy competitor](#).
- The resumption of flights and "migration protocols" suggests a [coordinated deportation and return program](#) (Plan Vuelta a la Patria) is a pillar of the new bilateral deal.

For Private Sector/Investors:

- **Regulatory Opportunity:** The new [Mining and Hydrocarbons laws](#) provide the most favorable terms for private capital in Venezuela in 25 years, including international arbitration.
- **Supply Chain Risk:** Despite legal changes, [infrastructure decay](#) (water, electricity, roads) remains the primary bottleneck for extractive operations.
- **Compliance Caution:** Investors must ensure "double-loop" transparency as [US Treasury License 51](#) comes with high scrutiny regarding the "Social Fund" and preventing the enrichment of sanctioned individuals from the previous era.

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