

TODAY'S MEDIA TRENDS

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THE GDELT PROJECT

VENEZUELA'S STRATEGIC ENERGY PIVOT AMIDST GLOBAL CONFLICT ESCALATION & NEW US LICENSES

DAY-AT-A-GLANCE: MARCH 14, 2026. Presidenta Encargada Delcy Rodríguez leads Venezuela's regional energy integration & domestic reconciliation, marked by historic LPG exports to Colombia and new US OFAC licenses (46B, 48A, 49A) under a pragmatic 'America First' shift. Simultaneously, severe global instability erupts with the death of Iran's Supreme Leader in a US-Israel attack, sparking military escalation and \$100+ oil; Serbia's hypersonic missiles threaten Balkan peace; and Venezuelan labor unions demand constitutional salary adjustments.

MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

ENERGY INTEGRATION & US REGULATORY RELIEF

SIMÓN BOLÍVAR BRIDGE
BINATIONAL COMMISSION: Maracaibo, April 23-24.
LPG EXPORT TO COLOMBIA

US OFAC LICENSES 46B, 48A, 49A
Authorize US investment in VEN Oil, Gas, Electricity; Prohibit RUS/IRN/CHN entities.

Pragmatic US "America First" Shift

MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT ESCALATION

US & ISRAEL STRIKES: 15,000+ targets, Iran's Supreme Leader killed.

BRENT CRUDE > \$100/bbl

NEWS
IRAN RETALIATION: Strikes on Oman; Norway US Embassy bombing accused.

BALKAN SECURITY CRISIS

SERBIA HYPERSONIC MISSILES: Evades defenses, alarms neighbors (Croatia, Kosovo, Albania)

REGIONAL STABILITY RISK: Impacts EU accession path.

VENEZUELAN DOMESTIC & LABOR UNREST

ARTICLE 91: SALARY ADJUSTMENT NOW!

UCV STUDENTS & UNIONS

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY MARCH (Mar 25)

GOV PROPOSAL: 'Ley de Amnistía' (Amnesty Law) for political reconciliation; CBST proposes \$50 quarterly bonuses.

KEY GOVERNANCE TOPICS

GEOPOLITICAL POWER DYNAMICS

US Selective Engagement: Permits Russian oil to India, strikes Iran, licenses Venezuela. **Orlando Manjilic:** Amb. to Colombia for border security.

TECHNOLOGY POLICY & AI

Benemerencia: 170k AI-assisted telemedicine cases.
Siragon: AI NPU Ultrabook launched.

ECONOMIC SECURITY & CRYPTO

VEN 2nd in LatAm Crypto: \$44B+ transacted in 2025 (mostly USDT).
CriptoGlobal Summit: Formalizing tax/cybersecurity.

BIOSECURITY & DISEASE OUTBREAKS

YELLOW FEVER ALERT: Detected in 14 states, urgent vaccination call.

LEGISLATIVE ROUNDUP

BILLS DISCUSSED/DEBATED

LEY DE AMNISTÍA: Release political detainees, foster coexistence (excludes corruption/narcotics).

ORGANIC LABOR LAW REFORMS: Unions demand Art. 91 changes; CBST opposes modifying text, prefers bonuses.

HEARINGS & PRESS EVENTS

COMMISSION FOR PEACE: Media professionals discuss press freedoms.

BINATIONAL MIRAFLORES SUMMIT: Formalized energy/trade routes, LPG exports.

DEEP DIVE: TRENDS AND THEMES

THE PRAGMATIC PIVOT OF "PRESIDENTA ENCARGADA" RODRÍGUEZ

Significant power shift; Aggressive energy diplomacy; Dual-track: Demand end of sanctions & facilitate US oil majors' "re-entry" via OFAC licenses.

TECHNOLOGICAL SOVEREIGNTY VS. EXTERNAL RISK

Private sector adopts AI (telemedicine, hardware) to hedge against brain drain.
Heavy crypto reliance (640% new users) reflects distrust, parallel economy risks.

GLOBAL REALIGNMENT: THE "NEW COLD WAR" TENSIONS

Fraying alliances; Trump's hyper-pragmatic policy (Russian oil to India, Iran strikes).
Iranian leader's death & high oil prices create windfall opportunity for Venezuela.

STRATEGIC FORESIGHT

- SHORT TERM (1-4 Weeks):** High oil volatility, security protocols at VEN energy sites. Labor unrest peak Mar 25.
- MEDIUM TERM (1-6 Months):** Maracaibo agreement for electrical interconnection. Attorney General selection tests 'Amnesty' intent.
- LONG TERM (1-5 Years):** Balkan re-militarization risk. VEN energy sector 'US-centric' revival via OFAC contracts.

RECOMMENDATIONS & IMPLICATIONS

- FOR INTERNATIONAL POLICY**
 - Monitor Petro-Rodríguez rapprochement (Andean security).
 - Revise Strait of Hormuz security (Iran leader death).
 - OSCE/NATO intervention for Serbian missiles.
- FOR PRIVATE SECTOR/INVESTORS**
 - US Energy:** Review License 49A 'contingent contracts'.
 - CriptoGlobal Summit** for fintech standards.
 - Telemedicine partnerships** (AI, Benemerencia).

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VENEZUELA LEVERAGES STRATEGIC ENERGY SHIFTS AND NEW US LICENSES AMIDST GLOBAL CONFLICT ESCALATION

DAY-AT-A-GLANCE

On March 14, 2026, the Venezuelan administration, led by Presidenta Encargada Delcy Rodríguez, signaled a major pivot toward regional energy integration and domestic reconciliation. A landmark meeting with Colombian delegations at the Palacio de Miraflores confirmed the [first export of liquefied petroleum gas \(LPG\)](#) to Colombia via the Simón Bolívar Bridge, marking a historic reversal in energy flows. This regional thaw is being reinforced by the U.S. Department of the Treasury's issuance of [three new general licenses \(46B, 48A, 49A\)](#), which authorize significantly expanded activities in Venezuela's oil, gas, and electricity sectors for U.S. entities, signaling a pragmatic shift in Washington's "America First" energy policy under the Trump administration.

Simultaneously, the global landscape is characterized by severe instability. In the Middle East, a "combined attack" by the U.S. and Israel has resulted in the [death of Iran's](#)

[Supreme Leader](#), sparking a massive military escalation and a \$10 million U.S. bounty on his successor. In Europe, Serbia's acquisition of [hypersonic missiles](#) has alarmed neighbors, threatening the fragile peace in the Balkans. Domestically, Venezuela faces persistent labor pressure, with unions and students demanding salary adjustments based on Article 91 of the Constitution, even as the government moves toward a "Ley de Amnistía" (Amnesty Law) to stabilize the political environment ahead of future electoral cycles.

MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

Energy Integration and US Regulatory Relief

- The U.S. OFAC issued Licenses 46B, 48A, and 49A, facilitating U.S. investment in [petroleum, gas, and electrical infrastructure](#) within Venezuela, while explicitly prohibiting transactions with Russian, Iranian, or Chinese entities.
- Venezuela began [exporting LPG \(butane gas\)](#) to Colombia, with plans for a binational commission meeting in Maracaibo on April 23-24 to discuss further interconnection.
- The Venezuelan government called on the Trump administration to [cease all sanctions](#) to enable full reactivation of the regional power grid.

Middle East Conflict Escalation

- U.S. and Israeli forces intensified strikes against Iranian targets, claiming to have [destroyed over 15,000 objectives](#) and neutralized 90% of Iran's drone and missile volume.

- The death of the Iranian Supreme Leader has destabilized global energy markets, with Brent crude [surpassing \\$100 per barrel](#).
- Iran retaliated with strikes on industrial areas in Oman and has been accused of a [terrorist bombing](#) at the U.S. Embassy in Norway.

Balkan Security Crisis

- Serbian President Aleksandar Vučić confirmed the [possession of hypersonic missiles](#) designed to evade air defenses, justifying the purchase as protection against a perceived alliance of Croatia, Kosovo, and Albania.
- Neighboring states and EU candidates view the move as a [risk to regional stability](#), potentially impacting Serbia's EU accession path.

Venezuelan Domestic and Labor Unrest

- Student movements from the UCV and labor coalitions held a [march to the National Assembly](#), demanding a concrete salary proposal by March 25 based on the cost of the basic basket.
- The Central Bolivariana Socialista de Trabajadores proposed [quarterly \\$50 bonus increases](#) to recover purchasing power without reforming the Organic Labor Law.

KEY GOVERNANCE TOPICS

Geopolitical Power Dynamics

- The "America First" doctrine is being applied through selective energy engagement; while Trump uses aggressive rhetoric against Iran and Cuba, his administration is [permitting Russian oil sales](#) to India to stabilize prices and issuing new licenses to Venezuela.
- The appointment of [Orlando Maniglia](#) as Ambassador to Colombia highlights a focus on military-diplomatic coordination along the porous border.

Technology Policy and AI

- Telemedicine provider Benemergencia reported [170,000 cases handled](#) via AI-assisted platforms, including new facial recognition software for remote vital sign monitoring.
- Siragon launched an [ultrabook with integrated AI processing](#) (NPU), targeting the Venezuelan executive and student market.

Economic Security and Crypto

- Venezuela remains the second-highest cryptocurrency user in Latin America, with over [\\$44 billion transacted](#) in 2025, primarily in stablecoins like USDT.
- The CriptoGlobal summit scheduled for late March in Margarita aims to [formalize tax responsibilities](#) and cybersecurity standards for the crypto sector.

Biosurveillance and Disease Outbreaks

- Authorities have issued an urgent call for [yellow fever vaccinations](#) as the virus has been detected in 14 Venezuelan states, threatening both domestic populations and international travelers.

LEGISLATIVE ROUNDUP

Legislative activity centered on reconciliation and labor stability. The National Assembly is currently vetting candidates for the [Attorney General \(Fiscal\) and Ombudsman \(Defensor del Pueblo\)](#) positions, viewed as a critical test of the government's commitment to political balance. Concurrently, the proposed "Ley de Amnistía" (Amnesty Law) is being framed as a [significant advance toward reconciliation](#), though it excludes crimes related to corruption and narcotics.

BILLS DISCUSSED/DEBATED:

- **Ley de Amnistía:** Legislation aimed at releasing political detainees to foster "democratic coexistence" and [reconcile national political factions](#).
- **Organic Labor Law Reforms:** Though labor groups are demanding changes to reflect Art. 91, the Socialist Workers' Central [opposes modifying the current text](#), preferring administrative bonus adjustments.

HEARINGS & PRESS EVENTS:

- **Commission for Peace and Conviviality:** Representatives met with [100 media professionals](#) to discuss press freedoms, the release of detained journalists, and the updating of the Law on the Exercise of Journalism.

- **Binational Miraflores Summit:** High-level meeting between Venezuela and Colombia to [formalize energy and trade routes](#), resulting in the first LPG exports.

DEEP DIVE: TRENDS AND THEMES

The Pragmatic Pivot of "Presidenta Encargada" Delcy Rodríguez

The term "Presidenta encargada" used throughout the broadcasts for Delcy Rodríguez suggests a significant internal power shift or delegation from Nicolás Maduro. Her administration is characterized by [aggressive energy diplomacy](#), seeking to make Venezuela an indispensable partner for Colombia's energy security while simultaneously enticing U.S. investment via the new OFAC licenses. This dual-track approach—demanding the end of sanctions while facilitating the "re-entry" of U.S. oil majors—indicates a move toward a more "normalized" but state-managed economic model.

Technological Sovereignty vs. External Risk

The Venezuelan private sector, particularly in [telemedicine and domestic hardware \(Siragon\)](#), is moving rapidly to integrate AI, likely as a hedge against the brain drain of medical professionals and the need for efficient infrastructure. However, the heavy reliance on cryptocurrencies ([up 640% in new users](#)) reflects a persistent distrust of the local currency and a parallel economy that operates largely outside traditional regulatory oversight, presenting both a survival mechanism and a systemic risk.

Global Realignment: The "New Cold War" Tensions

The transcripts reveal a world where traditional alliances are fraying. Trump's willingness to allow [Russian oil to flow to India](#) while striking Iran demonstrates a hyper-pragmatic, non-ideological foreign policy that prioritizes U.S. domestic energy prices over traditional "containment." Meanwhile, the reported death of the Iranian leader and the subsequent \$100+ oil prices create a windfall opportunity for Venezuela, provided the [new U.S. licenses](#) can be quickly operationalized to ramp up production.

STRATEGIC FORESIGHT

Short Term (1-4 Weeks)

- Expect high volatility in oil prices and [intensified security protocols](#) at Venezuelan energy installations following the U.S. strikes on Iran's Kharg Island.
- Labor unrest may peak on March 25 if the government fails to offer a credible [salary roadmap](#) to the UCV and union leaders.

Medium Term (1-6 Months)

- The Maracaibo Binational meeting in April will likely lead to a formal agreement for [electrical interconnection](#), potentially easing Venezuela's domestic power crisis if sanctions continue to soften.
- Selection of the new Attorney General will indicate whether the "Amnesty" trend is a [genuine opening or a tactical maneuver](#) to isolate radical opposition groups.

Long Term (1-5 Years)

- If Serbia continues its hypersonic procurement, the Balkans could see a [re-militarization](#) that draws in EU and Russian interests, potentially creating a secondary front of instability in Europe.

- Venezuela's energy sector could undergo a "U.S.-centric" revival, provided the OFAC-governed contracts remain [dirimible in U.S. courts](#), effectively integrating Venezuelan resources into the North American energy supply chain.

RECOMMENDATIONS & IMPLICATIONS

For International Policy:

- Diplomats should monitor the [rapprochement between Petro and Rodríguez](#), as it significantly alters the security architecture of the Andean region.
- The death of the Iranian leader necessitates a revision of [maritime security](#) in the Strait of Hormuz, with direct impacts on all petroleum-importing nations.
- The Serbian hypersonic acquisition should trigger [OSCE or NATO interventions](#) to prevent a pre-emptive strike by neighboring states.

For Private Sector/Investors:

- U.S. energy companies should review [License 49A](#) for "contingent contracts," allowing for rapid entry into the Venezuelan market as the Middle East remains volatile.
- The [CryptoGlobal summit](#) represents an opportunity for fintech and cybersecurity firms to establish standards in a high-volume, unregulated market.
- The Venezuelan medical market is ripe for [telemedicine partnerships](#), as the government and private providers (e.g., Benemergencia) look to AI to solve accessibility issues.

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