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What is the response of different countries on USA's capture of Venezuelan President Maduro?

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The United States carried out military action in Venezuela that led to the arrest of Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro and his wife on charges related to drug trafficking and narco-terrorism. This move has sharply divided the international community, with some countries backing the U.S. action and many others condemning it as a violation of international law and national sovereignty.

Countries Condemning the U.S. Action

Major powers such as Russia, China, Iran, and Belarus described the strikes as unlawful aggression and interference in a sovereign nation.

Several Latin American countries including Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Mexico, Bolivia, Peru, Nicaragua, and Uruguay stated that Venezuela's crisis must be resolved peacefully without foreign military intervention.

A joint statement by Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Mexico, Spain, and Uruguay said the U.S. action violated fundamental principles of international law.

European countries such as Germany, Norway, Slovakia, Denmark, Italy, and others expressed concern over the precedent set by unilateral military action.

The United Nations Secretary-General warned that such actions could create a dangerous global precedent and urged respect for international law and diplomacy.

Countries Supporting the U.S. Action

Only a small number of leaders openly supported the U.S. move:

Israel's Prime Minister praised the U.S. decision, calling it decisive leadership.

Argentina's President described the development as good news for democracy and the "free world."

Ecuador's President said the action marked a turning point against narco-linked political regimes.

Somaliland also expressed support for the U.S. position.

Neutral or Cautious Responses

Several countries chose not to fully support or condemn the action:

India expressed deep concern and urged all sides to pursue a peaceful, diplomatic solution.

The United Kingdom said it would assess the facts and emphasised adherence to international law.

Canada, the European Union, Japan, Singapore, South Africa, Malaysia, and others called for restraint, dialogue,

and respect for sovereignty.

Overall Conclusion

The U.S. action in Venezuela has created a clear global divide. While a small group of countries supported Washington’s move, a much larger bloc condemned it as illegal and dangerous. Many nations adopted a cautious middle position, focusing on diplomacy, stability, and international legal norms rather than military force.

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