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## Episode Summary

The attack on Venezuela is a seismic event in the hemisphere. We've heard this hour comparisons to 1989 and the US invasion of Panama. NPR's Ador Peralta is following all of this from his base in Mexico City. He joins us now to talk about what we have heard from Caracas. Right now it's unclear what all this means or who is in charge of Venezuela or if Rodriguez really cut a deal with the United States. And what about reaction broader more broadly in the region, Ador, starting with Colombia. What are you hearing from there? So Columbia President Gustavo Petro says he has deployed security forces along the border. Brazil's president Luis Ignacio Lula da Silva said this operation crossed an unacceptable line. Chile and Mexico also condemned the US action. Mexico is of course the United States biggest trading partner but they say this attack constitutes a clear violation of the UN charter. How about other repercussions beyond Venezuela? I'm thinking Cuba and Nicaragua. Two of the US's two of Venezuela's biggest partners. Trump said Mexico is run by drug cartels. We're going to have to do something about Mexico he said. And today those words actually mean a whole lot. It leaves questions what happens next in Venezuela but also what happens in the region. Ador Peralta reporting from his base in Mexico City.

## Topic 1: Attack / Military

0.0s → 14.14s

The attack on Venezuela is a seismic event in the hemisphere. We've heard this hour comparisons to 1989 and the US invasion of Panama to dispose that country's deposed military leader Manuel Nor

## Topic 2: Base

14.14s → 28.28s

Daniel Alvarado joins us from his base in Mexico City. He joins us now, hi Ador. So let's start with what you have heard from Caracas.

## Topic 3: President / States

28.28s → 42.42s

President Trump said the US was quote, going to run Venezuela. He said Vice President Delci Rodriguez told Secretary of State Marco Rubio that she was ready to do what the United States wanted

## Topic 4: States

42.42s → 56.56s

Right now it's unclear what all this means or who is in charge of Venezuela. Rodriguez was on state TV earlier this morning where she called on Venezuelans to fight to go out to

## Topic 5: President

56.56s → 70.7s

Ador will work with Colombia, which has a border with Venezuela. Venezuelan officials might be on board or not on board with this plan.

## Topic 6: President

70.7s → 84.84s

President Gustavo Petro says he has deployed security forces along the border. Petro says

this is in case he says there's a massive influx of refugees.

## **Topic 7: Base / Military**

84.84s → 98.98s

Petro also published a list of what he said were confirmed strikes in Venezuela. He said the military air base in the middle of Caracas was bombed.

## **Topic 8: Military / President**

98.98s → 113.12s

Brazil's president condemned what he called a unilateral military action. Caracas was also here. Petro went on to condemn what he said, what he calls a unilateral Military action.

## **Topic 9: President**

113.12s → 127.26s

Chile and Mexico also condemned the US action. Luis Ignacio Lula da Silva said this operation crossed an unacceptable line.

## **Topic 10: Attack**

127.26s → 141.4s

The UN says the attack constitutes a clear violation of the UN charter. How about other repercussions beyond Venezuela? I'm thinking Cuba and Nicaragua.

## **Topic 11: Military**

141.4s → 155.54s

I floated the idea of military interventions, US military interventions in Venezuela. Two of the US's two of Venezuela's biggest partners. I remember having a conversation with a Cuban diplomat.

## **Topic 12: Latin America And He Told Me**

155.54s → 169.68s

"This is so much bigger than we thought when we heard about these explosions," he says. "Those things don't happen. Latin America and he told me this is a new world

## **Topic 13: States**

169.68s → 183.82s

This is the U.S. saying we're going into Venezuela. We're setting up shop and our companies will get into the oil business. This tells us that anything is possible in

## **Topic 14: Attack**

183.82s → 197.96s

Trump launched this attack on the premise that he was stopping drug trafficking. And today on Fox News he said Mexico is run by drug cartels. And so it leaves questions what happens next in

## **Topic 15: Base**

197.96s → 212.1s

We're going to have to do something about Mexico he said. And today those words actually

mean a whole lot.

## **Topic 16: Adder Thank You Very Much**

212.1s → 217.76s

Adder thank you very much. Thank you, Daniel.