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Russia Will Prevent U.S. Military Intervention in Venezuela, Top Lawmaker Vows

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Valentina Matviyenko **Sergey Bobylev / TASS**

Russia will do all possible to prevent a U.S. military intervention in Venezuela, the state-run TASS news agency quoted the speaker of Russia's upper house of parliament as saying on Sunday.

"We are very much concerned that the U.S. could carry out any provocations to shed blood, to find a cause and reasons for an intervention in Venezuela," Valentina Matviyenko told Venezuelan Vice President Delcy Rodriguez in Moscow.

"But we will do all in order not to allow this," said Matviyenko, a close ally of President Vladimir Putin.

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