

Place in News - Venezuela

Context: The President of Venezuela is poised to announce a state of emergency in reaction to what he describes as US "aggression," following the destruction of alleged Venezuelan drug boats by American forces and the deployment of warships in proximity to its coastline.





About Venezuela:

- **Located in:** The northernmost part of South America, covering a triangular region that is larger than the combined areas of France and Germany.

Capital:

- **Border Nations:** Guyana, Brazil, Colombia, the Caribbean Sea, and the Atlantic Ocean.

Key Features:

Physiographic Diversity:

- **Andes Mountains** – Home to Bolívar Peak (4,978 m), the highest point in Venezuela.
- **Orinoco River Basin & Llanos** – Essential for agriculture, cattle ranching, and hydroelectric power generation.
- **Lake Maracaibo** – The largest lake in South America; a significant oil hub.
- **Guiana Highlands & Angel Falls** – Mineral-rich plateaus; the site of the world's tallest waterfall (979 m).



Natural Resources:

- Possesses the world's largest proven oil reserves, serving as the economic foundation.
- Abundant in iron ore, gold, diamonds, and hydroelectric potential.

Strategic Location:

- Features a lengthy Caribbean coastline with important islands (Margarita, Los Roques, La Tortuga).
- Serves as a gateway between South America and the Caribbean/North America.