

U.S.-based Mercenaries Invade Venezuela

Reality? Not yet. But, it is a virtual reality that has all of the signs of being a new “psych op” to help prepare U.S. citizens for an eventual invasion. Pandemic Studios (Los Angeles) is preparing to release “Mercenaries 2” in 2007. The “game” is based on a scenario that the player is one of a group of mercenaries that have invaded Venezuela to overthrow its government and take control of the oil industry. Clearly, the mercenaries are working on behalf of the U.S. government.

Check out the game yourself: <http://www.mercs2.com/>

When you visit the game web site, click on the “game” button to see various sample scenes. From the perspective of the average Venezuelan citizen this tour of well-known sites being blown up by mercenaries is a chilling experience. You will see downtown Caracas in flames, including a building of Petroleos de Venezuela (PDVSA), the state owned oil company (see below). Along with this, the mercenaries destroy many apartment buildings, killing thousands of virtual innocent people.



(Screenshot from www.mercs2.com. ©2006 Pandemic Studios, LLC)

Pandemic recently received a \$300 million infusion of cash from Elevation Partners. One of the partners of this investment firm is Bono of U2. Bono has helped with campaigns on many issues: human rights, debt relief, sustainability, poverty, disease, political oppression and militarism. For this reason, we are shocked to find that he is one of the primary investors in a company that is promoting militarism, violence, and the rape of a developing country for the purpose of stealing its natural resources.

Speak up and let Bono and Pandemic know what you think about this game that glorifies horrific violence against the people of Venezuela. Please contact Bono’s publicist and Elevation Partners (Bono’s investment company which backs Pandemic)

**For more information and to get involved with this campaign, please contact the Venezuela Solidarity Network:
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