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Seven days... and some humor

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The henchmen of the Empire in Venezuela, in Colombia, in short, in Latin America, should watch carefully what is happening in Afghanistan: 46 years after the flight of the United States when the Liberation of Saigon, the Yankee forces flee in a stampede from Kabul. Behind it is a disaster, evoked by Luis Casado... [Politika note]



Flight from saigon on April 30, 1975. The Helcopter that will haunt Joe Biden



The United States begins the evacuation of its Embassy in the face of the unstoppable advance of the insurgents,

From the day the US announced its withdrawal from Afghanistan, the regime imposed by Washington in Kabul lasted just seven days. *Seven days, man!*

The longest us war in its entire history -20 years - and perhaps by 2020 the costs were estimated at trillions of dollars... financed on credit. Pious souls estimate the total cost of

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the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, including interest to the year 2050, at more than US\$ 6.5 trillion.

A war that had the proclaimed purpose of bringing Afghans peace, security, democracy and well-being, ends in a disaster whose proportions can only be compared to those of the U.S. defeat in Vietnam.

Echoes echo the words of Jacques Chirac in 2003: "Democracy is not exported in armoured cars...". Good old Jacques!

Today's press headlines: "Taliban prepare to march on Kabul as US accelerates withdrawal."



Taliban enter Kabul after president's departure

The press is very restrained. This is not a withdrawal: it's a milk-crap flight, a stampede, a panic, a *Save yourself who can!*, a *¡A los botes!* but without boats, a *remake* of *Houston, we have a problem...* but no happy ending.

Not long ago Vladimir Putin reminded the American political class: "the world has changed. Russia, he said, is developing its economy vigorously and its Armed Forces have modernized to surpass its rivals, including the US. China, he added, a few decades ago had a GDP that represented only 20% of US GDP. Today, according to data from the US, China has a GDP expressed in PPP (purchasing power parity) that represents 120% of that of the United States. Today's world is not the same as yesterday's. The unipolar world, subjected to hyperpower, is over.

The US, with a military budget exceeding \$770 billion (China: \$252 billion, Russia \$62 billion...) does not win a war against the Taliban, the Islamic State, or the wide variety of terrorists that control vast regions and entire countries in Africa and the Middle East. Terrorisms that were born of Yankee political action itself.

What good is the spillage of military technology? Spy satellites, spy drones, spy planes, telecommunications systems penetrated by the NSA and the CIA, infiltrations, purchase of agents, collaboration with other *Western*agencies, the *Echelon* system (the largest network of espionage and analysis to intercept communications), spyware such as *Pegasus* and a long list of *intelligence* agencies are unable to win a war against the Taliban, to stabilize the country, to lead it to a viable political regime.

The greatest achievement of the U.S. in Afghanistan was the development of the cultivation of *pavot*, a papaverous plant like poppy, from which heroin is produced.

Thanks to the U.S. occupation, Afghanistan produces and exports more than 90% of the heroin consumed in the world. The fields dedicated to *pavot* in Afghanistan are larger than all the Latin American territories dedicated to coca cultivation.

Afghanistan provides more than 95% of the heroin consumed in the European Union. Afghanistan is also the world's largest producer of *haschich*. The global value of drug exports from Afghanistan exceeds \$4 billion annually. What a business opportunity!

What a fiasco not to have even warned nato allies that the US was withdrawing its army from Afghanistan. European satellite countries, surprised, are busily searching for how to evacuate their forces, and even their embassies. France refuses to embark the Afghans who collaborated with its soldiers, abandoning them to their fate...

Last but not least... In the midst of the disaster and the drama that is announced, the US does not lose its sense of humor. The State Department recalled its support for Afghan President Ashraf Ghani, offering him advice:

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Why don't you laugh?

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Taliban control 30 of 34 Afghan capitals

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