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**CADeP CONDEMNS RISING UNILATERALISM; WARNS GLOBAL INTERVENTIONS STIFLE  
AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT AND SOVEREIGN INTEGRITY**

**Accra, Ghana — May 1, 2026.** The Center for Africa Development and Progress (CADeP) today issued an urgent call for the international community to reject the escalation of unilateral military interventions. Following the reported assassination of Iranian Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei on February 28, 2026, and the earlier arrest and removal of Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro by U.S. forces in January, CADeP warns that the global community is entering a dangerous era of “unrestrained policing” that threatens the stability of all developing nations.

**The Erosion of Sovereignty as a Global Crisis**

CADeP expresses profound concern over the normalization of state-sponsored leadership removals. The organization views the recent actions in Iran and Venezuela not as isolated security measures, but as part of a continuing pattern of interventionism that has previously devastated nations such as Iraq, Libya, and Afghanistan.

“The world cannot remain a silent observer while the basic tenets of the UN Charter—territorial integrity and non-interference—are systematically discarded,” stated by *Johanes Koku Nyagblordzro, the Executive Chairman of CADeP*. “Whether it is the 2003 invasion of Iraq based on contested evidence or the direct targeting of heads of state in 2026, the message being sent is that sovereignty is conditional upon the approval of a single global power.”

**Impact on African Development**

CADeP highlights that these global precedents have direct and far-reaching consequences for the African continent’s progress:

- **Economic Destabilization:** Global military escalations trigger volatile commodity prices and disrupt trade routes, disproportionately affecting emerging African economies.
- **The “Might vs. Right” Precedent:** When major powers bypass international law to remove leaders, it undermines the African Union’s frameworks for peaceful conflict resolution and democratic transitions.
- **Resource Diversion:** As the Global North pivots toward high-intensity military spending and interventionism, critical international commitments to African infrastructure, healthcare, and climate resilience are frequently sidelined.

**A Call for a Multipolar Order**

The Center maintains that the “global police” model has failed to deliver lasting peace, instead leaving behind power vacuums and humanitarian crises.

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CADeP calls upon the United Nations and the African Union to lead a resurgence in multilateral diplomacy.

“Who has authorized the transformation of the international arena into a theater of targeted killings and regime change?” the statement continues. “CADeP stands with all nations—from South America to the Middle East and across our own continent—in demanding a return to a rules-based order where diplomacy is the only legitimate path forward.”

CADeP urges all sovereign nations, international institutions, and civil society actors to take a principled stand against the erosion of international law and the normalization of unilateral force. The organization calls for renewed global commitment to dialogue, accountability, and respect for sovereignty as the foundation of peace and sustainable development.

Failure to act decisively at this critical juncture risks entrenching a world order defined not by cooperation and justice, but by coercion and instability—one in which developing regions, particularly Africa, bear the heaviest burden. The time to reaffirm the rule of law and the primacy of diplomacy is now.

### **About the Center for Africa Development and Progress (CADeP)**

The Center for Africa Development and Progress (CADeP) is a premier think tank and advocacy organization dedicated to fostering economic growth, political stability, and the protection of national sovereignty across Africa. Through rigorous policy analysis, CADeP works to ensure that the African voice remains central in the pursuit of a just and equitable global future.

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