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"Five Reasons to Celebrate Carabobo"

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We are through the bicentennial cycle of our independence: 1810 - 1830. Twenty years of construction of the Bolivarian dream of the Great Homeland, at war, with victories, defeats, ideology, and whose center were the "we invented, or we erred". The battle of Carabobo is the second founding date of the Venezuelan Homeland. This is the first of the five reasons to celebrate this event. The second reason to celebrate this event is the battle itself sealed Venezuelan Independence on June 24th, 1821. The third reason is the unity of the nation. Carabobo became the confluence of the accumulated historical libertarian and insurgent forces. The final two reasons shows that Carabobo is the cornerstone for the consolidation of the Republic of Colombia (Bolívar's) while it made possible the advance of the revolution to the south of the continent. Carabobo is the sign of our American union, of the liberation of the South.

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