

URGENT ACTION

HUNDREDS STILL ARBITRARILY DETAINED

At least 485 individuals remain arbitrarily detained for political reasons. Despite the implementation of an Amnesty law in February 2026, and the release of numerous political prisoners as a result, many have had their applications rejected or have since had their status changed. The Venezuelan government's longstanding policy of repression to silence any form of real or perceived dissent has continuously used politically motivated arbitrary detentions to persecute people in Venezuela. We call on Delcy Rodríguez to release all those arbitrarily detained, to drop the charges against them, and protect their lives, safety, and fair trial guarantees while detained.

TAKE ACTION:

- Write a letter to the government official(s) listed. Use the sample letter below as a guide or use your own words.
- [Click here](#) to report your action(s) on **Sixth UA 72.24**. We share this number with the officials we are trying to persuade.

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Acting President of the Republic
Palacio de Miraflores,
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Caracas, Venezuela

Send a copy of your letter to the address below
CC: Permanent Mission of Bolivarian Republic of
Venezuela to the United Nations
His Excellency Mr. Samuel R. Moncada Acosta
335 East 46th Street
New York, NY 10017

Ms. Delcy Rodríguez,

I am deeply troubled that, despite announcements by Venezuelan authorities regarding the release of a "significant number" of individuals detained for political reasons, and following the adoption of an Amnesty Law, hundreds of people remain unjustly deprived of their liberty.

While I welcome the release of the many political prisoners over the last months, I remain gravely concerned about the continued arbitrary detention of **at least 485 individuals**, as documented by the NGO Foro Penal as of April 6, 2026. Practices such as enforced disappearance and torture are unequivocally prohibited under international human rights law. Those responsible for such violations may be subject to investigation and prosecution before independent judicial bodies beyond Venezuela's borders.

This is your opportunity to make meaningful change and mark a new era in Venezuelan history.

I call on you to ensure the immediate and unconditional release of all individuals arbitrarily detained for political reasons, and to put an end to all politically motivated criminal proceedings. While under state custody, every detainee must have their life and personal integrity fully protected, along with access to all fair trial guarantees, including the right to choose their own legal representation, receive adequate medical care, and maintain contact with their families.

Yours sincerely,

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

In February 2026, an Amnesty Law came into force, and by the end of March, over 8,000 had benefited. However, some people have had their applications for the implementation of the amnesty law rejected. This includes sisters **Samantha** (16) and **Aranza Hernández** (19), who have been detained since November 2025 on terrorism charges as well as prisoner of conscience **Javier Tarazona** and journalist **Rory Branker**, who were conditionally released and now had their requests rejected. Similarly, **Martha Lía Grajales** was granted amnesty, halting the investigation against her. However, on April 13, her NGO [SurGentes reported](#) that the National Prosecutor's Office is conducting expert analyses of her phone.

Since 2023, Amnesty International has campaigned on behalf of **Emirlendris Benítez, Javier Tarazona, María Auxiliadora Delgado, Juan Carlos Marrufo, Darío Estrada, and Robert Franco**. Amnesty International has profiled individuals whose stories demonstrated the widespread use of enforced disappearances, specifically between August 2024 and June 2025 including:

- **Kennedy Tejeda, Pedro Guanipa, Freddy Superlano, Nélica Sánchez, María Oropeza, Eduardo Torres, Roland Carreño, Eudi Andrade, Ricardo Estevez, Biagio Pilieri, and Williams Dávila**, who have been granted amnesty.
- **Rosa Chirinos** and **Raymar Pérez**, who have been released.
- **Rocío San Miguel, Carlos Julio Rojas, Robert Franco, Darío Estrada, Jesús Armas, Luis Palocz, Luis Somaza, Yevhenii Trush, José María Basoa, Andrés Martínez Adasme, Dennis Lepaje**, who have been released on bail.
- And **Emirlendris Benítez, María Auxiliadora Delgado, Juan Carlos Marrufo, Danner Barajas, Damián Rojas** still in arbitrary detention in prison, and **Perkins Rocha** and **Rafael Ramírez** are under house arrest.

As of April 6, 2026, the fate and whereabouts of **Jorgen Guanares** remain unknown, while **Alfredo Díaz** died in custody of the state in December 2025.

The Venezuelan government has continuously used politically motivated arbitrary detentions to persecute people in Venezuela. Authorities have implemented a 'revolving door' of detentions, whereby releases are usually followed by new detentions. This practice reached a historic peak after the July 28, 2024 election, which saw over [2,000 people arbitrarily detained](#) for political reasons.

Between December 2025 and early January 2026, authorities released a small proportion of approximately 1,000 politically motivated arbitrary detainees being held at the time. According to the local organization Foro Penal, as of April 6, 2026, 485 people remain arbitrarily detained for political reasons.

PREFERRED LANGUAGE TO ADDRESS TARGET: Spanish or your own language.

PLEASE TAKE ACTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE UNTIL: July 31, 2026

NAME AND PREFERRED PRONOUN: Persons detained for political reasons (they, them, their)

LINK TO PREVIOUS UA: <https://www.amnestyusa.org/urgent-actions/venezuela-all-arbitrary-detainees-must-be-released/>