

URGENT ACTION

END ARBITRARY DETENTIONS AND PROSECUTIONS

Between September 22 and 26, 2026, some arbitrary detainees were released, including Damián Rojas, Nudre Chourio, and Renny González. Thousands of former victims of politically motivated arbitrary detention continue to be subjected to criminal proceedings and rights restrictions. Jorgen Guanares' fate and whereabouts remain unknown since his presumed detention on August 2, 2024, and Juan Carlos Marrufo, arbitrarily detained since March 19, 2019, requires urgent medical care. Hundreds of others remain arbitrarily detained. We demand the immediate release of all those arbitrarily detained, the closure of undue criminal proceedings, and to protect the life and integrity of those in custody.

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 **Tenth UA 72.24**. We share this number with the officials we are trying to persuade.

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Send a copy of your letter to the address below

**CC: Permanent Mission of Bolivarian Republic of
Venezuela to the United Nations**

Her Excellency Coromoto Godoy Calderón

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New York, NY 10017

Mr. Attorney General,

I call on you to release all those arbitrarily detained in Venezuela and to close all undue criminal proceedings against current and former victims of politically motivated arbitrary detention in Venezuela, including **Jonathan Delgado, Jorgen Guanares, Juan Carlos Marrufo, Olbis Dirinot, Rafael Guedes, Roberto Pérez**, and hundreds more. The situation of Jorgen Guanares is of grave concern. His fate and whereabouts remain unknown since August 2, 2024. The life and personal integrity of Juan Carlos Marrufo is also concerning, as he continues being denied adequate medical care.

Crucially, releases should not be contingent on conditions that restrict victims' rights nor should victims be subjected to ongoing criminal proceedings. Prosecutions and trials against former victims of politically motivated arbitrary detention must end immediately, including the cases against **Javier Tarazona, Carlos Julio Rojas, Rocío San Miguel**, and thousands of other victims who continue facing the threat of prison.

The UN Fact-Finding Mission and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights must be granted full access to detainees in the country, including authorization to monitor and document human rights violations.

I urge you to immediately release all of those arbitrarily detained in Venezuela and end criminal proceedings against all victims of persecution. All detainees must have their life protected, their fate and whereabouts known, and adequate medical care and family visits guaranteed.

Yours sincerely,

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Several victims of politically motivated arbitrary detention have been released sporadically since January 2026. While some have been granted full release, many have been released on a conditional basis, having to comply with precautionary measures that continue infringing on their rights to liberty and freedom of expression. This ongoing criminalization and infringement of rights extends to thousands of former victims of politically motivated arbitrary detention who had been released prior to January 2026.

As of September 28, 2026, hundreds of individuals remain arbitrarily detained for political reasons. However, official figures are unavailable, given the Venezuelan authorities' persistent non-compliance with their international and national obligation to provide official information regarding all persons deprived of liberty and guarantee access and independent verification by international human rights mechanisms.

In the afternoon of June 24, 2026, two earthquakes hit Venezuela, each 7.2 and 7.5 in magnitude. On June 25, Amnesty International issued a [press release](#) raising the alarm over the devastating impact these earthquakes would likely have, and, on June 30, the organization issued an [urgent action](#) calling a rights-based response to the earthquakes, including the release of all those arbitrarily detained.

At least since 2014, the Venezuelan government has continuously used politically motivated arbitrary detentions to silence any form of real or perceived dissent in Venezuela as part of a systematic and widespread policy of repression. Between December 2025 and August 2026, authorities have sporadically released victims of arbitrary detention, most on conditional release and maintaining criminal proceeding against them, like in the case of prisoners of conscience and human rights defenders **Javier Tarazona**, **Rocío San Miguel**, and **Carlos Julio Rojas**. Within this policy of repression, the government has continually harassed, prosecuted, and censored activists and civil society organizations working to protect the rights of Venezuelans amidst a complex humanitarian emergency and a deep human rights crisis that is making Venezuelans flee in unprecedented numbers (by May 2025, [7.9 million](#) had fled Venezuela). Amnesty International has repeatedly called for the repeal of the so-called Anti-NGO law and all other legal mechanisms that restrict the lawful and necessary activities of these organizations.

Since 2020, reports from the UN independent international [fact-finding mission](#) on Venezuela (FFM) have thoroughly documented hundreds of extrajudicial executions; enforced disappearances; arbitrary detentions; and torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment committed in the country since 2014. Since November 2021, the Office of the [Prosecutor](#) of the [International Criminal Court](#) is conducting a criminal investigation into the situation in Venezuela.

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

PLEASE TAKE ACTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE UNTIL: November 23, 2026

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

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