

POLITICAL PRISONERS IN VENEZUELA

PRISON	NAME	Position	WHEN ARRESTED	CHARGES	COMMENTS
Santa Ana Táchira State	Danny Ramírez	Former president of the Student's Union (UNET)	June 11, 2003	Cooperation and complicity to rebellion for the events outside the governor's palace on April 12, 2002. Sentenced to 6 years.	Has been detained in Santa Ana since his arrest. Santa Ana is a penitentiary.
	Orlando Pantaleón	AD leader and Education Union representative	June 11, 2003	Cooperation and complicity to rebellion. for the events outside the governor's palace on April 12, 2002. Sentenced to 6 years.	Has been detained in Santa Ana since his arrest. Santa Ana is a penitentiary
Hospital Central San Cristóbal Táchira State	Saúl Lozano	AD leader and president of Fetratáchira (teachers' union)	June 11, 2003	Cooperation and complicity to rebellion for the events outside the governor's palace on April 12, 2002. Sentenced to 6 years.	Has been repeatedly denied permission to undergo much needed surgery; remains handcuffed to bed rails.
CICPC Parque Carabobo Caracas	Henry Vivas Hernández	Former Metropolitan Police Chief and Security Police Commissioner	December 3, 2004	Conspiracy to commit homicide, intentional homicide, and infliction of serious injuries	Denied asylum in El Salvador. Denied bail despite being granted to 3 shooters charged with similar charges

				during April 11, 2002 events.	alleging crimes against humanity
	Lázaro Forero	Former Metropolitan Police Chief	December 3, 2004	Conspiracy to commit homicide, intentional homicide, and infliction of serious injuries during April 11, 2002 events.	Denied asylum. Denied bail despite being granted to 3 shooters charged with similar charges alleging crimes against humanity
DISIP El Helicoide Caracas	Iván Simonovis	Former Security Police Commissioner	November 22, 2004.	Conspiracy to commit homicide and infliction of serious injuries during April 11, 2002 events.	Arrested without warrant when he was flying abroad. Denied bail despite being granted to 3 shooters charged with similar charges alleging crimes against humanity.
	Arube Pérez	PM Corporal	April 19, 2003	Homicide, use of war and fire weapons, and infliction of serious injuries during the April 11 events	Transferred to the DISIP headquarters in November 2004.
	Marcos Hurtado	PM Corporal	April 19, 2003	Homicide, use of war and fire weapons, and infliction of serious injuries during the April 11 events	Transferred to the DISIP headquarters in November 2004.
	Héctor Rovain	PM Corporal	April 19, 2003	Homicide, use of war and fire weapons, and infliction of serious injuries during the April 11 events	Transferred to the DISIP headquarters in November 2004.

	Julio Rodríguez	PM Corporal	April 19, 2003	Homicide, use of war and fire weapons, and infliction of serious injuries during the April 11 events	Transferred to the DISIP headquarters in November 2004.
	Rafael Neazoa	PM Corporal	April 19, 2003	Homicide, use of war and fire weapons, and infliction of serious injuries during the April 11 events	Transferred to the DISIP headquarters in November 2004.
	Ramón Zapata	PM Corporal	April 19, 2003	Homicide, use of war and fire weapons, and infliction of serious injuries during the April 11 events	Transferred to the DISIP headquarters in November 2004.
	Erasmó Bolívar	PM Corporal	April 19, 2003	Homicide, use of war and fire weapons, and infliction of serious injuries during the April 11 events	Transferred to the DISIP headquarters in November 2004.
	Luis Enrique Molina	PM Corporal	April 19, 2003	Homicide, use of war and fire weapons, and infliction of serious injuries during the April 11 events	Transferred to the DISIP headquarters in November 2004.
DIM Boleíta Caracas	Blas Sousa Freitas	GN Colonel Commander of the No. 11 Post in San Antonio	February 10, 2005	Military rebellion	Whereabouts since his arrest February 10 are unknown. Thought to remain in DIM

		del Táchira (near the border)			headquarters.
YARE I Miranda State	Felipe Rodríguez	GN Major General	February 4, 2005	7 charges: Conspiracy to rebellion, rebellion, sedition, public intimidation, possession of war weapon, infliction of injuries, and association to commit crimes.	Transferred to a maximum security prison and incarcerated with 2 convicted criminals despite what COPP reads and his status as a military officer.
CENAPROMIL Ramo Verde Miranda State	Francisco Usón	Army retired Brigadier General Former Minister of Finance (2002)	May 22, 2004	Sentenced to 5 years and 6 months for defamation against the Armed Force	Gral. Usón explained how a linstock was used in a TV program in which speculation on how 8 soldiers in Ft. Mara could have been burned; two of them to death.
	Ovidio Poggioli	Army retired Brigadier General Former director of DIM, and the International Airport	June 9, 2004	Armed rebellion Sedition	Military prosecutor asking for 27 year sentence
	Jesús Farías Rodríguez	GN Colonel	May 13, 2004	Armed rebellion Sedition	Military prosecutor asking for 27 year sentence
	Jesús Castro Yelles	GN Colonel	May 13, 2004	Armed rebellion Sedition	Military prosecutor asking for 27 year sentence
	Rafael Farías Villasmil	Army Captain	May 24, 2004	Armed rebellion Sedition	Military prosecutor asking for 27 year

					sentence
	Javier Quintero González	Army Captain	June 19, 2004	Armed rebellion Sedition	Military prosecutor asking for 27 year sentence
	Javier Nieto Quintero	GN Captain	May 13, 2004	Cooperation with armed rebellion and failure to report conspiracy.	Military prosecution asking for 12 year sentence
	Carlos Guerra Camejo	GN colonel	August 15, 2004	Sentenced to 2 years for conspiracy to rebellion	Was in charge of the Plan República in Amazonas. Denied suspended sentence
	Francisco Martínez G.	GN Lieutenant Colonel	August 15, 2004	Sentenced to 5 years and 2 months for conspiracy to rebellion and insubordination	Refused to read a political harangue to the troops on August 15, the day of the presidential RR. New charges were brought during trial so sentence would amount more than 5 years
	Luis Antonio González	GN Lieutenant Colonel	August 15, 2004	Sentenced to 5 years and 2 months for conspiracy to rebellion and insubordination	Refused to read a political harangue to the troops on August 15, the day of the presidential RR. New charges were brought during trial so sentence would amount more than 5 years
	Miguel Prieto Morales	GN Lieutenant Colonel	February 11, 2005	Military rebellion Sedition	Caught during rescue operations in Vargas State

	Otto Gebauer Morales	Army Captain	November 11, 2004	Insubordination	Captain Gebauer was one of the officers who "escorted" President Chávez to La Orchila on April 12, 2002.
	Humberto Quintero Aguilar	GN Lieutenant Colonel Former commander of the Anti-extorsion and kidnapping unit (GAES) in Táchira State.	January 12, 2005	3 charges: Treason, abuse and faults against military decorum for having arrested Rodrigo Granda and turned it over to Colombian authorities	Was tortured during his arrest in DIM (4 days)
	José Darwin Valera C.	GN Lieutenant	January 12, 2005	3 charges: Treason, abuse and faults against military decorum for having arrested Rodrigo Granda and turned it over to Colombian authorities	Freed March 1, 2005. Was tortured during his arrest in DIM (4 days)
	Carlos Castillo	GN Corporal	January 12, 2005	3 charges: Treason, abuse and faults against military decorum for having arrested Rodrigo Granda and turned it over to Colombian authorities	Freed March 1, 2005. Was tortured during his arrest in DIM (4 days)
	Simón Rodríguez	GN Corporal	January 12, 2005	3 charges: Treason, abuse and faults against	Freed March 1, 2005. Was tortured during his arrest in

				military decorum for having arrested Rodrigo Granda and turned it over to Colombian authorities	DIM (4 days)
	José Rodríguez	GN Corporal	January 12, 2005	3 charges: Treason, abuse and faults against military decorum for having arrested Rodrigo Granda and turned it over to Colombian authorities	Freed March 1, 2005. Was tortured during his arrest in DIM (4 days)
	Luis Eduardo Salazar	Merchant Navy Captain	July 24, 2004	Defamation against the Armed Force.	Captain Salazar denounced PDV Marina president, Rear Admiral Camejo Arenas and Rear Admiral Torcat Sanabria for overpricing fleets and ships bought.
	Carlos Ortega	President of the Venezuelan Labor Union (CTV)	February 28, 2005	3 charges: civic rebellion, sedition, and use of false act	Charged for his acts during the civic strike of December 2002.
Puerto La Cruz, Anzoátegui State	Salomón Madrid, Mario Pelez, Triana Guerra, Leonardo Tayupo, Leonardo González y Jotaniel Marcano	Group of young people.	December 19, 2004	Sentenced to probation and prohibition to leave the country for attacking the President..	For pot banging and shouting as presidential motorcade went by on November 8, 2003..
El Rodeo Miranda State	Luis Chacín Sanguinés	Security volunteer at Plaza Altamira	May 2, 2003	Charges: Slain of three soldiers camping out in Plaza Altamira	Known as El Armadillo, he was close to Gral. Felipe Rodríguez,

				and two of their girlfriends, and the bombing of the embassies and consulate, and the Teleport Tower in 2003.	and was arrested to have him confess his whereabouts. First jailed in Yare and then La Planta, both maximum security prisons, without a conviction. Tortured in both.
El Rodeo Miranda State	Tayro Aristiguieta	Security volunteer at Plaza Altamira	April 2003	Charges: Slain of three soldiers camping out in Plaza Altamira and two of their girlfriends, and the bombing of the embassies and consulate, and the Teleport Tower in 2003.	He denounced tortures to have him confess.
El Rodeo Miranda State	Rafael Gregory Umanés	Security volunteer at Plaza Altamira	March 26, 2003	Charges: Slain of three soldiers camping out in Plaza Altamira and two of their girlfriends. .	Known as El Zorro, he was close to Gral. Felipe Rodríguez, and was arrested to have him confess his whereabouts.
DISIP El Helicoide Caracas	Pedro Antonio Sifontes N.	Navy Corporal	May 17, 2003	Charges: Slain of three soldiers camping out in Plaza Altamira and two of their girlfriends. .	Has recanted his statements several times.
El Rodeo Miranda State	Silvio Mérida Ortiz	Security volunteer at Plaza Altamira		Charges: Slain of three soldiers camping out in Plaza Altamira and two of their girlfriends, and	One of Gral. Felipe Rodríguez's bodyguards; would later recant his statements- alleging torture- in

				the bombing of the embassies and consulate, and the Teleport Tower in 2003.	which he admitted his guilt and accused the general, Chacín, Colina and Valera of the bomb attacks.
Unknown	Juvenal Mora Pineda	GN Second Lieutenant	April 8, 2003	Civil rebellion, sedition, and carrying weapon without due permit	
Unknown	Victor Valero Castellanos	GN retired Corporal	April 8, 2003	Civil rebellion, sedition, and carrying weapon without due permit	Tortured during his stay at DISIP headquarters.

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