

URGENT ACTION

HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS RELEASED IN VENEZUELA

Between 8 January and 1 February 2026, human rights defenders who remained arbitrarily detained in Venezuela were released from their respective detention centres. None of them should have been detained in the first place, and we continue calling for their releases to be unconditional and that the criminal cases against them be immediately and permanently closed. We also continue calling for the immediate release of all those arbitrarily detained for political reasons in Venezuela.

NO FURTHER ACTION IS REQUESTED. MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO SENT APPEALS.

Five human rights defenders who remained subjected to arbitrary detention in Venezuela were released: Rocío San Miguel on 8 January, Carlos Julio Rojas on 14 January, Kennedy Tejeda on 25 January, Eduardo Torres on 30 January and, finally, Javier Tarazona on 1 February. They should have never been imprisoned and we call for all restrictions on their rights to be lifted and the criminal charges against them be dropped.

Javier Tarazona, director of NGO Fundaredes, had been arbitrarily detained since 2 July 2021; Rocío San Miguel, president of Control Ciudadano, was arbitrarily detained on 9 February 2024; Carlos Julio Rojas, journalist and community organizer, was arbitrarily detained on 15 April 2024; Kennedy Tejeda, member of Foro Penal, was arbitrarily detained on 2 August 2024; and Eduardo Torres, lawyer and member of Provea, had been arbitrarily detained since 9 May 2025. Other human rights defenders who were arbitrarily detained and later released during this series of urgent actions included Carlos Correa and Martha Lía Grajales. These human rights defenders were also subjected to grave human rights violations, including enforced disappearance, torture, denial of medical care, and gross violations of fair trial guarantees.

Some of these defenders have reached out to Amnesty International with words of deep gratitude to its activists, supporters and members around the world who spoke up and spoke out against their unfair detentions.

We continue campaigning for the immediate release of all those unfairly detained in Venezuela.

NAME AND PREFERRED PRONOUN: Venezuelan human rights defenders (they/them)

THIS IS THE NINTH AND FINAL OUTPUT FOR UA 01/25

LINK TO PREVIOUS UA: www.amnesty.org/en/documents/amr53/0633/2026/en/

**AMNESTY
INTERNATIONAL**

