

VENEZUELA

LEOPOLDO LÓPEZ

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Jailed for criticising the government

Opposition party leader Leopoldo López was detained on 18 February 2014, six days after speaking at an anti-government protest. He was accused of inciting violence, and President Nicolás Maduro called for his imprisonment.

After being held in pre-trial detention for a year and a half, Leopoldo was jailed following an unfair trial. Sixty witnesses were prepared to defend him, but the judge allowed only one. None of the 30 proposed defence exhibits were allowed. There is also evidence the prosecutor altered the arrest warrant and backdated witness testimony to make sure Leopoldo spent the maximum time behind bars.

Even though there was no evidence that he had committed a crime, Leopoldo was convicted and sentenced to 13 years and nine months. Activists and opposition politicians are increasingly harassed and attacked for criticising the authorities in Venezuela, and Amnesty considers Leopoldo to be a prisoner of conscience.

SEND A SOLIDARITY CARD TO:

Leopoldo López
Amnistía Internacional Venezuela
Av la Salle, Torre Phelps, piso 17 oficina 17A
Plaza Venezuela, Los Caobos
Caracas 1050
Venezuela

■ **Language:** English or Spanish

■ **Suggested message:** Estamos pensando en ti y tu familia (*We are thinking of you and your family*). Te enviamos toda nuestra fuerza y mejores deseos. Mantén el valor. Desde distintas partes del mundo estamos pidiendo el fin a tu injusta encarcelación (*We send you all our strength and best wishes. Keep up the courage. From around the world we are calling for an end to your unjust incarceration*).

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Urge President Nicolás Maduro Moros to release Leopoldo López immediately and unconditionally.

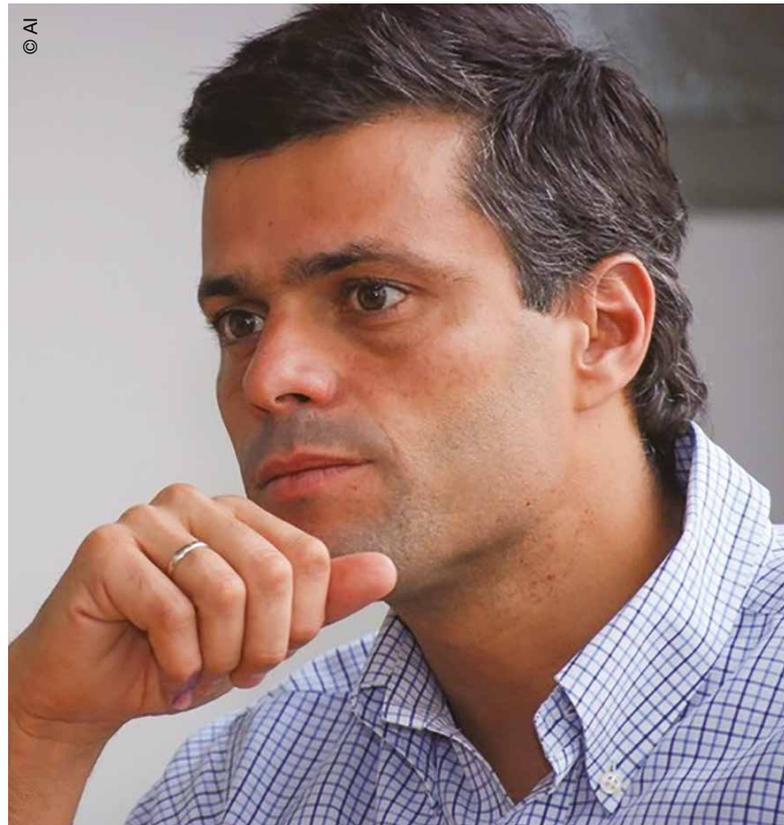
Write to: Presidente Nicolás Maduro Moros
Final Avenida Urdaneta, Esq. De Bolero
Palacio de Miraflores
Caracas, Distrito Capital
Venezuela

Email: dggcomunicacional@presidencia.gob.ve

Twitter: @NicolasMaduro

Salutation: Señor Presidente

In your letter: Urge him to release Leopoldo López immediately and unconditionally. Call on him to comply with the precautionary measures granted by the Inter-American Commission of Human Rights to protect the life and physical integrity of Leopoldo and his family, and to guarantee him access to independent medical care.



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