

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.

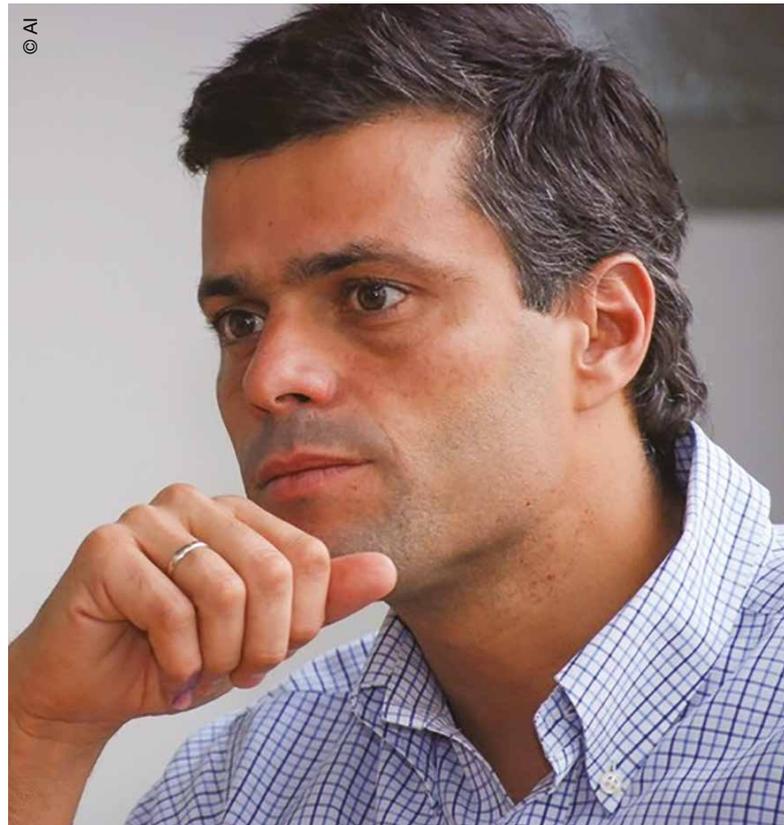
**Write to:** Presidente Nicolás Maduro Moros  
Final Avenida Urdaneta, Esq. De Bolero  
Palacio de Miraflores  
Caracas, Distrito Capital  
Venezuela

**Email:** [dggcomunicacional@presidencia.gob.ve](mailto: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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