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Un Mundo Sin Mordaza - www.sinmordaza.org

Your Mural for Venezuela aims recuperating spaces by means of Art



Non-governmental organization Un Mundo sin Mordaza announces the celebration of a contest, “Tu Mural por Venezuela”, which aims promoting

Human Rights, Liberty, and Justice, by means of Art and Culture.

Murals are a form of powerful artistic expression. They are capable of representing ideas and feelings, all related to human rights and to the present situation in our country, whereas they contribute to promote civism –a community spirit- and to recuperate spaces.

The competition is open! “Tu Mural por Venezuela” prolongs until August 31st. Participation is available for all image artists –graphic designers, muralists, illustrators, painters, et al- of all ages, who live in Venezuela. At the end, there will be six winners, whose creations will be displayed in six murals, along the country. Those who wish to participate must fill the

application form <https://goo.gl/e83M8D> and send their designs to arte@sinmordaza.org, subject “Tu Mural por Venezuela”.



Codevida - www.codevida.org

“We thank Canadian Government for its management of help to venezuelans”



Related to the ninth edition of the Human Rights Prize, granted to our Director, Francisco Valencia, by the Embassy of Canada in Caracas, he made a one-week visit to that

northern American country. Valencia’s objective was explaining about the impact caused by humanitarian emergency upon Venezuelan society. While in Ottawa and Toronto, Valencia met with representatives of Canadian Foreign Affairs Ministry, diverse groups of humanitarian assistance, and other officials, in charge of following up Venezuelan situation within the framework of Canadian External Policy.

“Canada has been one of the countries that most and best have denounced the continuous violation of Human Rights in Venezuela, and we thanked for that during this visit. We have solicited from Canada to keep on helping us, not only for alleviating conditions in Venezuelan frontiers, but also for assisting people who stay in the country, suffering from chronic diseases”.

Canada’s Minister of Foreign Affairs, Chrystia Freeland, held a meeting with Valencia in well-known Venezuelan “arepera” in Toronto, where they shared worries for the nutritional needs and pharmacological needs of Venezuelans; and for the profound harm that Nicolás Maduro’s government is causing, concerning the Right to Life and Health. “Freeland was deeply moved by Venezuelan reality, and committed herself in evaluating mechanisms for delivering help to Venezuela, especially for people under chronic-disease conditions”, said the human rights defender.

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Espacio Público - www.espaciopublico.org

Alliance for Freedom of Speech demands release of twitterer Pedro Jaimes Criollo



We, academic, guild, social and civil organizations that constitute the Alliance for Freedom of Speech, demand from judge Rumely Rojas her acting just as Law exacts, in order to guarantee the human rights of Pedro Jaimes. It is judge Rojas's responsibility -for she is in charge of the Third Control Court of the Penalty Circuit of the state of Miranda- considering Jaimes's situation, and the consequences that may derive if he is kept arbitrarily imprisoned.

Last May 18, 2018, officers of the Bolivarian National Intelligence Service (SEBIN) arrested Pedro Jaimes Criollo without having a detainer. The arrest occurred after Jaimes's publishing on May 3 in his Twitter profile (@AereoMeteo) informations related to Venezuelan aerial space, which he has regularly done; but, in that occasion, he showed the flight path of the presidential airplane. This information is deemed as public domain, and it may be found in Internet.

On May 12, Pedro Jaimes was presented before the Third Control Court in Los Teques, state of Miranda, the judge in charge being Rumely Rojas Muro. During the presentation hearing, the prosecuting attorney affirmed that Jaimes was detained "in flagrancy" for twitting contents that imply -in his opinion- an offence against national security. Judge Rojas accepted the prosecution's arguments, and ordered the preventive imprisonment of Pedro Jaimes.

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CEPAZ - www.cepaz.org.ve

Commitment with Venezuelan women: sexual and reproductive rights



In Center for Justice and Peace (CEPAZ), we undertake this matter for creating consciousness about the grave situation of Venezuelan women. These rights are understood as a form of Liberty to make decisions about reproductive life, and do it free from coercion; and we also include in here the election of a spouse, the shaping of a family, and the number of children and the spacing among them.

Recognition of sexual and reproductive rights of women imply the right to be considered as full citizens, worthy and free, as much as the right to enjoy a pleasant sexual life. Only this way may women be the protagonists along their developmental stages, and be concerned with health and respect beyond their reproductive ages. The shortage of medicines, a deficient medical attention, and the non-access to trustable contraceptive methods are violating those rights.

Venezuelan State has not assumed neither enough nor efficient actions, adequate to the size of the problem. Policies implemented by the State -such as the Plan for the Equality of Genders "Mama Rosa" and the Plan for

Humanized Birth- have come to be inefficient and insufficient, because they leave aside important aspects related to structural lacks in the health system, which mean different types of risk for women. It is most urgent producing and approving an Act on Sexual and Reproductive Rights of Women; and may it include not only updated advances in both fields, but also the obstacles that must be overcome.

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Transparencia Venezuela - www.transparencia.org.ve

Fighting corruption that ruins Venezuela requires instruction

One of the major Venezuela's dramas is the institutionalized corruption. While many nations in Latin America tend to adopt policies of open governing, and to fight the misuse of public resources, in the country led by Nicolás Maduro corruption still reigns, and the submission to Power of the system of justice makes impossible any form of control and sanction.

Transparencia Venezuela has followed up public management for over a decade, especially at the town levels, due to their closeness to people. We have found that also mayor offices and municipal councils are opaque, and they lack counter-corruption mechanism. Therefore, our organization has designed several plans to promote a more transparent management; and these are joined now by Campus Transparencia, an educational and technological tool, for helping concerned citizens to



become agents capable of achieving changes.

Campus Transparencia is an innovative virtual platform that offers training in four faculties: Information, Data and Corruption; Transparent Public Management; Counter-corruption; and Human Rights and Corruption. All of it is available now, to students, academicists, businessmen, public administrators, politicians, union and guild leaders, community leaders, and anyone that may be interested.

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PROVEA - www.derechos.org.ve

Provea: Creativity for undertaking health emergency

Jointly with NGO Redes Ayuda and the chain of bookshops Lugar Común, Provea is carrying on the campaign "Music for Medicines", which promotes a sort of barter: different formats of music in exchange for medicaments in force. These products are delivered to humanitarian-help groups, and finally donated to persons that need them. The intention is keeping the grave shortage of medicines and the deterioration of the health public system as matters of major interest within public opinion. Besides, there is another objective: binding other social sectors within the collective undertaking of this reality.

By means of their common project "Humano Derecho Radio", Provea and Redes Ayuda have produced



compilations of Venezuelan artists. Two of those are "Rock against dictatorship" and "Music for Medicines". Besides that, we ran a two-months activity for collecting donations: in the bookshops Lugar Común, in Caracas, people handed in CDs, LPs and cassettes, all of them second hand, of course, but in good conditions. Donated materials were cleaned, fitted and classified; then, collectors and old-music lovers could

accede and get them by delivering medicaments in force.

Last Saturday, July 21, we held the first main event of "Music for Medicines", at Sala Cabrujas, in Chacao, Caracas. The event was designed in alliance with emerging media Efecto Cocuyo, Runrunes, El Pitazo y Tal Cual; and was brightened up by musical groups Onice, Des Phoques and Agente Extraño, who participated in the compilations mentioned before, which were produced entirely by NGOs.

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Acceso a la Justicia - www.accesoalajusticia.org

Municipal elections: another attack against political parties



–just as before! – depriving political parties from practicing their legitimate right to participate in electoral events (Constitutional Art. 62). According to CNE, only 30 political parties would be able to participate on December 9 –for they are explicitly convoked by CNE itself– as long as they accomplish the validation process through venezuelans’ manifestations of will.

Acceso a la Justicia stresses on the fact that CNE’s intention is obstructing the practice of venezuelans’ political rights, because the electoral entity does not explain at all which are the reasons for convoking only 30 parties to the validation process; and we also remind that the 1999 Constitution and the Act on Political Parties, Meetings and Manifestations are the sole instruments for limiting or conditioning the legitimate rights to associate for political purposes, and to participate politically. All the aforementioned is due to question legitimacy of the coming Councilors Election since there is a clear and sustained CNE’s objective of realizing a new electoral process, with an important reduction of political parties; and, maybe, including exclusively those ones that count on the approval of national government.

Less than two months after the questioned presidential and legislative elections, National Electoral Council (CNE) announced a new electoral process: municipal councils, on December 9, this year. First of all, Acceso a la Justicia reminds that the councilors elections were illegally postponed by fraudulent Constituent National Assembly (ANC), which decided to separate that election from the process for mayors –realized on December 10, 2017– without any juridically valid reason. By doing so, ANC violated Art. 2.2 of the Act on Regulation of the Constitutional Legal Periods of Public State and Municipal Powers. This Article establishes that the electoral processes for mayors and councilors must be convoked and realized jointly.

Beyond the mere convocation to the electoral competition for councilors, CNE attempts once more to consolidate national government’s advantage, this time



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