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488 cases of torture in 5 years

Every June 26 we commemorate International Day for Supporting Victims of Torture, as agreed on December 1997 by the General Assembly of the Organization of United Nations (ONU). That date was appointed for working -both victims and civil society's organizations- in making people sensible and aware of the consequences of torture; and of the need of fighting for and promoting policies that permit eradicating such practice forever.



In 2018, at least four persons died presumably due to consequences of torture, which occurred while they were in custody of police and military officials. One emblematic case that produced a deep commotion, nationally and internationally, was councilor' Fernando Alban, a member of Primero Justicia, who died while he was detained by policemen in

Bolivarian National Intelligence Service's (SEBIN's) headquarters in Caracas. Circumstances made presumable a decease during tortures.

In a lapse of 5 years, between 2013 and 2018, Provea registered at least 488 individualized cases of torture in Venezuela. The cipher stood up in spite of the scarce official information, which is due to the absence of statistics from General Attorney's Office and Ombudsman's Office; and also to the decrease of cases published by national and regional printed mass media.

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Un Mundo Sin Mordaza - www.sinmordaza.org

Sin Mordaza celebrates 10 years between Art and Defense of Human Rights

This year, within the framework of our tenth anniversary, Un Mundo Sin Mordaza ratifies its commitment with defending and protecting human rights through art, music, and humor. In our campaign "#MeExpresoSinMordaza" we invite our followers and all other activists to raise their voices for a more just world, where we all can find respect to human dignity and preservation of our life quality.



This project -just like Esto Es Tuyo, The Right Cut, Apadrina A Un Defensor, Venezuela Estoy Contigo, and Victimas de la Dictadura- reminds us of a commitment we go on maintaining with Venezuela. Besides, it is evident, that day by day we are more and many more, wishing to make a better place out of this place, where art is a way to express what we feel, and permits us echoing all that happens around, always under the premise of leaving things better than they were when we found them.

We, Mundo Sin Mordaza, bring out the worth of team work and the need of going on constructing a society where sympathy and solidarity may be focused attentively as the first values of our citizenry. #MeExpresoSinMordaza counts on the support of renowned Venezuelan artists: Onechot, Román Camacho, Ricardo del Búfalo, Ana Black, Professor Briceño, Nk Profeta, Rodrigo Solo, Miliber Mancilla, Un Tal Ro, Javaiilustra, Marcos Ramos Celis, Marvin Figueroa, Graphic Bureau, and Mell Bustamante, among others.

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Defiende Venezuela - www.defiendevenezuela.org

ONU's High Commissioner for Human Rights requests liberty for political prisoners and negotiates permanency of two delegates in our country

Denouncements about 4 MM venezuelans abroad have not been unattended nor overlooked. The constant lack of response by Nicolás Maduro's government caused a pronouncement by the Office of the High Commissioner of United Nations for Human Rights in the beginning of 2019. Consequentially, a group of specialists was appointed for examining *in situ* situations denounced.



explained sectorial planning vice-president, Ricardo Menendez.

More than 20 NGOs had encounters with Michelle Bachelet for tackling the situation of Human Rights in Venezuela. The persecution of dissidents, the lack of medicines, threats against freedom of expression –among others– were the main subjects NGOs brought

The Yellow House was the first stop of High Commissioner. She talked with some representatives of Nicolas Maduro's ministerial cabinet. Yet, the main topic was not venezuelans' needs and problems our country actually confronts; but the suspension of international sanctions by the United States. "It was solicited from ONU's High Commissioner her mediation for the liberation of millions of dollars restrained in several countries, and are destined to purchase aliments and medicines",

up. In turn, Defiende Venezuela, represented by its president, Genesis Davila, exposed a follow-up inform produced by this NGO on "National Plan of Human Rights 2016-2019", proposed by Nicolas Maduro in 2015. After months of investigations, it was determined that over 70% of public policies policies included in that Plan have not been accomplished. As a result, we witness an evident deterioration in democratic practices related to venezuelans' human rights.

Espacio Público - www.espaciopublico.org

A standing-up journalism in favor of democracy



Bolivar in 1818 –a newspaper born to accompany the construction of our Republic.

Freedom of expression is still a basis for the Republic and a pillar for democracy, since its foundation in the early years of XIX century up to date. That is the reason why, presently, we are responsible for impulsing and pushing ahead the values of institutionality, the only way to make justice and dignity be the rule, not the exception.

We celebrate a courages journalism that prevails against adversities; the kind of journalism that has re-invented itself in the worst censorship time; the kind of journalism that pulses for defeating misinformation –a non-information– daily; the kind of journalism that links deeply with public and understands its role in recuperating democracy.

In Venezuela, each June 27, we celebrate Journalists' Day, as a commemoration of the first number of *Correo del Orinoco*, the newspaper created by Liberator Simón

Transparencia Venezuela - www.transparencia.org.ve

Venezuela got a 1.71 grade in Index of Capability to Combat Corruption

In the first edition of Index of Capability to Combat Corruption (ICCC), Venezuela got the last place, obtaining a grade of 1.71 in a 10 points scale, as a consequence of “the worst collapse in Latin America’s history; the systematic failing of the State; and the destruction of democracy”. So is established in an evaluation impulsed by Americas Society, Council of the Americas (AS/CDA) and the global firm Control Risk. The study included 8 countries in the region.



(4.65), and Guatemala (4.55) in the penultimate place.

ICCC was presented in the phorum “Corruption in Venezuela: The Coming Reckoning”, held in New York, an event in which Mercedes De Freitas, executive director of Transparencia Venezuela, was awarded the first Prize to Anti-Corruption Leadership, “for her years of anti-corruption work in extremely difficult

circumstances”.

Venezuela obtained 1.21 points at the sub-category Legal Capability; 1.43 at Democracy and Political Institutions; and a slightly better result at Civil Society, Mass Media, and Private Sector: 4.35 points. Chile got the best punctuation (6.66), followed by Brazil (6.14), Colombia (5.36), Argentina (5.33), Peru (5.17), Mexico

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Acceso a la Justicia - www.accesoalajusticia.org

Handbook on the Right to International Protection in Major Crisis



Respecting the visit of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Michelle Bachelet, several NGOs joined their efforts to elaborate a Handbook on the Right to International Protection in Major Crisis, their aims at creating a consultable document about fundamental concepts and violations that occur in complex humanitarian emergencies –such as the one Venezuela is going through.

The handbook is the product of an alliance by Acceso a la Justicia, Civilis Derechos Humanos, the Center of Human Rights in Metropolitan University (CDH-Unimet), and the Center of Human Rights in Catholic University “Andrés Bello” (CDH-UCAB), all of them organizations dedicated to work pro-defense of Human Rights in diverse fields in Venezuela.

This is a document for consulting, useful to journalists, human rights activists and defenders, and for all those interested in knowing active modes to defend human rights when violated within major crisis. Along the handbook, norms and protocols refer to age, gender, and other diverse aspects to be taken into account for providing a proper treatment, in cases that request international protection –both individuals and populations– of specific rights; and also for a differential recognition of violations related to discrimination.

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Foro Penal - www.foropenal.com

688 political prisoners in Venezuela



By June 28, 2019, Foro Penal had registered 15.090 arbitrary detentions in Venezuela, since January 1st, 2014.

845 civilians have been presented before Military Courts. Since January 2014 up to date, we have accumulated 3.150 political prisoners; full liberty and release under diverse modalities have been obtained in 2.462 cases.

By April 2014, we had 117 political prisoners in Venezuela. The number for this category of inmates by June, 24 is 688, 51 being women. Besides, 8.721 persons are still unfairly submitted to penal processes under caution measures.