

From the U.N. to Caracas: Fact-Finding Mission Fuels Pleas for Guanipa's Release

Calls for Juan Pablo's freedom continue to intensify after four months of unlawful detention.

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National delegations before the United Nations Human Rights Council expressed concern on September 22 over the persistence of arbitrary detentions in Venezuela, responding to the latest findings presented by the UN Fact-Finding Mission's report on the country.

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The report chastised high-ranking officials, specifically Minister of Interior & Justice Diosdado Cabello, for using state-aligned media and personal social platforms to mock the arrest of Juan Pablo Guanipa. The report contends the Bolivarian National Police (BNP) is not simply persecuting opponents, but rather weaponizing their arrests — for example, filming Juan Pablo's detention in May — as a warning to others.

In addition to the U.N. Mission, Human Rights Watch (HRW) condemned Venezuela's escalating use of arbitrary detention as a tool of repression, stressing the grave human rights violations. In a statement on September 22, 2025, HRW's Americas Director, Juanita Goebertus, said the isolation of political prisoners from their families and lawyers is "a heartbreaking example of the brutality of repression in Venezuela," and urged foreign governments to intensify diplomatic pressure for their release.

There are also rising calls inside of Venezuela for the release of Juan Pablo. On September 23, four months since Juan Pablo was arbitrarily detained, opposition leader María Corina Machado [demanded Juan Pablo's freedom on X](#):

“Juan Pablo, 4 months after your kidnapping, we send you our strength and deep respect. Your bravery, generosity, and loyalty to the cause of our Freedom earned you the trust and affection of all good Venezuelans.

Here we are, advancing every day and certain that very soon we will embrace Freedom. From that very day, we will all together lift up this country of ours.

It will be arduous, challenging, and complex work, without a moment of rest.....and we will enjoy it, because they will be the best days of our lives, transforming and serving Venezuela.”

The official account of the Primero Justicia Party followed suit, posting a video emphasizing Juan Pablo’s courage, unyielding integrity, and incorruptible spirit.

Our family is deeply grateful for the solidarity shown by María Corina Machado, the Justice First (PJ) party, and the courageous representatives before the United Nations Human Rights Council. The pressure on the Venezuelan authorities is mounting for a lawful redress of Juan Pablo’s arbitrary detention, and with the support of the international community we will continue to press for international agreements to be respected and justice to be served.

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