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Venezuela (Present Day)

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### **1. Cardinal Baltazar Enrique Porras Cardozo, Archbishop of Merida**

As Archbishop of Merida, and a Cardinal, His Eminence Cardozo represents a significant portion of the religious institutions in Venezuela, has come out against Maduro due to the regimes unwillingness to engage with Guaido and disregard for its citizens.[1]

### **2. Carlos Holmes Trujillo, Colombian Foreign Minister**

In office since August 2018, Trujillo has seen the ascension of chaos in neighboring Venezuela and its effect on his own country. He is also an ambassador to the Organization of American States.[2]

### **3. Carlos Vecchio, Charge d’Affaires of the Government of Venezuela to the United States**

Vecchio was appointed Charge d’Affaires by Guaido, a move recognized by the United States as legitimate. In this role, Vecchio has reached out to the United States- and specifically to the military- seeking American help with the political situation in Venezuela.[3]

### **4. Archbishop Diego Padrón, President of the Episcopal Conference of Venezuela**

As President of the Episcopal Conference of Venezuela, The Most Reverend Diego Padron represents much of the formal religious opposition to the Maduro regime, with implicit support support from the Pope himself [4]

### **5. Edgar Zambrano, Vice President of the National Assembly**

Attending the conference via passing messages following his arrest, Zambrano is among those members of the National Assembly who was arrested for their association with Guaido. He is backed by the Organization of American States and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, who demand his release. Long before his arrest he was a prominent opposition politician for the Lara State.[5]

### **6. Elliott Abrams, American Special-Envoy to Venezuela**

This representative of the Trump administration is calling for an inclusive democratic transition in Venezuela. He emphasizes the importance of installing democratic processes (i.e. free and fair elections) in Venezuela and allowing these institutions to bring forward a government.[6]

### **7. Fabiana Rosales, Self-Proclaimed First Lady of Venezuela**

A political activist in her own right and a journalist by trade, Fabiana is a staunch supporter of her husband’s presidency. She has taken on the role of ambassador for Guaido’s administration throughout South America.[7]

### **8. Felix Seijas Rodriguez, Director of Delphos Poll**

A Venezuelan political analyst and adviser to the opposition party, Seijas works from Caracas to provide updated information about the day-to-day variances in public opinion- a key feature of Guaido's campaign.[8]

**9. Gustavo Tarre Briceño, Guaido's envoy to the Organization of American States (OAS)**

A longtime critic of Maduro, Briceño serves now as the envoy to OAS, coordinating with regional partners on behalf of Guaido's regime. [9]

**10. Héctor Rodríguez, Minority Leader of the National Assembly**

As leader of the Chavist parties in the National Assembly, Héctor Rodríguez serves as the primary form of communication between the Maduro regime and Guaido. Furthermore, he also serves as the governor of Miranda. [10]

**11. Hugo Carvajal, former director of Directorate General of Military Counterintelligence**

Carvajal, formerly a Major General before being stripped of rank by Maduro, was the former head of the Venezuelan military intelligence apparatus. He broke with Maduro and endorsed Guaido, the highest ranking military member to do so. However, he also has arrest warrants in many countries for involvement in drug trafficking. [11]

**12. Ivan Duque Marquez, President of Colombia**

Marquez is not shy about his belief that Maduro's government will soon collapse- nor about his dislike of its rule. Due to its proximity to Venezuela, Marquez's country of Colombia is directly suffering the negative effects of Maduro as it has been flooded with Venezuelan refugees requiring aid.[12]

**13. Iván Simonovis, security consultant and legal expert**

Simonovis, who was imprisoned by the Chavists but freed by Guaido, is an expert not just practical security questions but legal and constitutional ones as well, and has offered his services to Guaido to help oppose Maduro. [13]

**14. James Story, US Ambassador to Venezuela**

Authorized to treat with the recognized government of Guaido on behalf of the United States, Story is the primary liaison between the United States and Venezuela. A career Foreign Service Officer, he has extensive regional experience and contacts (particularly in Brazil). [14]

**15. Luis Ayala, Secretary General of the Socialist International (SI)**

The Secretary General of the Socialist International, Ayala has and continues to be responsible for orchestrating international support for Guaido from Socialist parties, a distinct break from the SI's former recognition of Chavism. [15]

**16. Lee Buchheit, Guaido's Debt Advisor**

A recent addition to Guaido's team, Buchheit has agreed to lend his experience in debt restructuring to the Venezuelan opposition without pay. He has accrued success in Greece and Iraq in the past and turns to a desperate Venezuela post-retirement.[16]

**17. Leopoldo Lopez, National Coordinator of Voluntad Popular**

A long-term voice of the Venezuelan Opposition, in 2014 Lopez was controversially arrested due to his call for protests. His prison term- which lasted until April of this year- was contested on the grounds of human rights violations. He is an advocate of the Guaido presidency.[17]

**18. Luis Almagro, Secretary General of the Organization of American States (OAS)**

As Secretary General of OAS, Almagro deals primarily with relationships between American countries, including the Guaido regime in Venezuela. He is sure to be a valuable asset in any sort of projects involving regional cooperation. [18]

**19. Miguel Ángel Martín, President of the Supreme Tribunal of Justice of Venezuela in exile**

As the head of the legal apparatus of the Guaido regime, Miguel Ángel Martín oversees the jurisprudential questions, including rulings pertaining to the current crisis. This manifested most overtly in the Supreme Tribunal annulling the 2013 Presidential election. [19]

**20. Rafael Del Rosario, Guaido's Deputy Chief of Staff**

Though he fled to Colombia, Del Rosario hasn't come anywhere close to giving up on Guaido's cause. He views the democratic turmoil as a "fight" and was working on a grass roots campaign to draw support for Guaido prior to his exile.[20]

**21. Ricardo Hausmann, representative to the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB)**

As representative to the IADB, Hausmann is responsible for regional financial work, primarily attempting to secure loans from regional partners (while the job also may involve providing loans, the current economic state renders this uncommon) and build commercial relations with neighbors. [21]

**22. Roberto Marrero, Guaido Chief of Staff**

Writing from prison via secret messenger, Marrero remains so committed to Guaido's cause that he continues to put his life on the line. Prior to working with Guaido, he was a notorious advocate of the Popular Will Party (Voluntad Popular), vigorously opposed by Maduro. [22]

**23. Stalin Gonzalez, Aid to Guaido**

Gonzalez is the Second Vice President of the Venezuelan National Assembly and is a former leader of the MUD opposition group. He is trusted by Guaido to the degree that he was sent as his primary representative to the May negotiation talks with Maduro's representatives in Norway.[23]

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