

Notice that Pedro Martin was not wounded when he surrendered to the soldiers. Seconds later he was shot with a shotgun at point-blank range. Then he was maintained prisoner without medical attention for several hours.

TORTURE REPRESSION

Although Chávez was elected democratically, his regime is NOT a democracy anymore!



José M. Vilas, an ex employee of the oil industry, was killed with two FAL (self-loading rifle) shots that hit him on the back.

These faces and names belong to real people. They are just a few examples of the victims of Chávez's regime.

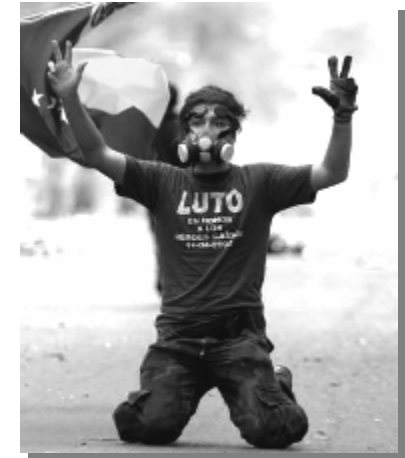
Hundreds of Venezuelans have been wounded and imprisoned. Tens have been tortured and

"History will have to record that the greatest tragedy of this period of social transition was not the strident clamor of the bad people, but the appalling silence of the good people"

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Background:

Who is president Chávez?

- Chávez led two military coups in 1992 where hundreds were killed
- He and his allies were sent to prison but in 1994 they were reprieved by President Caldera



- Once free, Chávez promised to eliminate the corruption and poverty and he won elections based on his promises.
- But he did not deliver what he promised: More than 45% of private companies existing in 1998 went out of business; there is 25% of unemployment (Only 15% of the population has formal jobs!)
- He has focused efforts on the implementation of his “Revolution”, using state resources for propaganda and ideological programs
- Chávez has tried everything to extend his power over all the public powers in Venezuela (Judiciary, Legislative, Electoral)

Venezuelan people in search of a Democratic and Peaceful Solution

- According to our constitution, we have the right to request a referendum to revoke the mandate of the president
- In spite of all the tricks tried by the government, the opposition collected the signatures (Dec 2003)
- 2.4 MM signatures were required to call the referendum and 3.4 MM were delivered, with the presence of international observer from OAS and Carter Center



- The National Electoral Council (CNE) has unlawfully rejected more than 800 M signatures.
- The electoral bench of the Supreme Court has ruled that the signatures are valid, but the government refuses to accept the decision.

The people have been demonstrating in the streets



Chávez's government violates the Human Rights of the people, just because they ask for a Referendum established on the constitution



Feb 27-2004 Elinor Montes: her only weapons were a flag and a whistle, brutally attacked under the smiling watch of the official in charge.