



## **VENEZUELA:**

### **Abduction and arrest of Mayor Daniel Ceballos of San Cristoba, Tachira**

The Permanent Secretariat of Latin American and Caribbean Network for Democracy (REDLAD) warns about the abduction and arbitrary arrest of Daniel Ceballos, Mayor of San Cristobal (Tachira, Venezuela ), member of our organization and founder Democracia Joven de las Americasn by Bolivarian National Intelligence Service (SEBIN). The military forces of Venezuela have taken him by force without respecting their rights or legal proceedings.

REDLAD, platform of more than 540 organizations, Official Member of the Civil Society Forum of Organization of American States (OAS) and Regional Chapter of World Movement for Democracy (WMD):

- Condemns the arbitrary arrest of Daniel Ceballos and systematic persecution of Maria Corina Machado and other opposition political leaders.
- Censures and condemns the repression of student activists , as well as the existence of political prisoners and persecuted as Leopoldo Lopez or Carlos Vecchio.
- Alert the militarization of Tachira State and the ambush against Universidad Nacional Experimental del Tachira (UNET).
- Demand the Venezuelan government 's immediate release of Mayor Daniel Ceballos.
- Demand the cessation of violence, repression and violation of human rights in Venezuela .

- Urges democratic world governments and the Organization of American States to condemn the facts and demand the release of Daniel Ceballos, Leopoldo Lopez and the cessation of hostilities against Maria Corina Machado, students and democracy activists.

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