

Direct from Venezuela

Family members of the victims of right-wing violence, and two delegates of National Assembly, members of the United Socialist Party of Venezuela (PSUV), will speak in San Francisco on:

Friday, April 22, 7:00 pm
2969 Mission St., S.F.
(near 26th St.)



Luis Durán

Father of Elvis Rafael Durán, 29 years old worker who died on Feb. 21, 2014, beheaded by galvanized wire strung along a road by right-wing protesters in violence known as “guarimbas”.



Desirée Cabrera

Mother of 19-month-old baby when her child was in a day care center in her government office building, that was attacked and burned by violent right-wing demonstrators. 89 babies were in that center.



Nora Delgado

PSUV Congresswoman from Miranda State, elected for 2016-2021; Vice-president of Construction in Petroleos de Venezuela 2014-15; advocate for the rights of Afro-descendant Venezuelans



Saúl Ortega

PSUV Congressman from Carabobo State for 2016-2021; member of Permanent Committee on Foreign Relations since 2000. He investigated the events linked to the coup d'état of April 11, 2001.

In 2014, violent protests led by the right-wing opposition broke out after Venezuela’s municipal elections, causing the deaths of 43 people and hundreds injured. These attacks, called “guarimbas”, tried to overthrow the democratically-elected government of President Nicolás Maduro. A guarimba consists of blocking public roads with barricades made of barbed wire, tires, mattresses, and hanging galvanized steel wire across roads. The barricades were guarded by people carrying firearms, who assaulted citizens trying to cross the barricades. **A Committee of Victims of Violent Protests** was formed to demand justice for their loved ones who died or were injured. This is a special opportunity to hear from Venezuelans who have traveled to the United States on tour, gathering support for their campaign for justice and to stop the violence that continues.

Today, the right-wing dominated National Assembly is promoting a so-called “Amnesty” law to exonerate all the perpetrators of violence, many of whom have been convicted of their crimes.

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