

Criminalization of Voluntad Popular

Part III

- Political prisoners: victims of the national government.
- Peaceful protest in Porlamar.

**The National Guard
attacks peaceful protest,
performing several
arrests.**

**Monday. February 3, 2014.
Hotel Venetur, Porlamar.**



The people of Margarita island went out to voice their discontent at the social and economical crisis.







**Rendezvous point:
Venetur Hotel. The
Cuban baseball team
was staying there.**



Protesters chose this point to draw the authorities' attention and make their discomfort known to them.



Protesters used banners to request the evacuation of the Cuban team “Azucareros de Villa Clara” , acting as a guest at the 56th edition of the Caribbean Series.

At the gates of the hotel, people were protesting, “Get out, invaders!” “We are not Cuba!”. Theses messages appeared on some of the banners.



**Minutes later, the
people, peacefully
manifesting as is their
constitutional right,
started being attacked
by the National Guard.**



SI LA REPRESION

¿Que tenemos?
Muerte
Hambre
Enfermedad
Injusticia
Inseguridad
Extracción
Impunidad
Corrupción

POLICIA

GUARDIA NACIONAL

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VENEZOLANA



Results

Women, children, elderly people, and many others became victims of unjust aggression.



**6 people were
arrested.**

Names of the six detainees:

- Carlos Jiménez Ortega**
- Giuseppe Di Fabio**
- Carlos Carrera Hernández**
- David Corzo Ramos**
- Jackson González Valero**
- Simón Rodríguez Marcano**
- Nelson Hernández Quijada**

Warning

Venezuela and International Community

**The Government has
criminalized this group of
peaceful protesters.**

“Today, a right-wing party attempted a physical assault on the Cuban baseball team, who are participants at the Caribbean Series and are staying at the Venetur Hotel in Margarita. A group of people has been detained. We will bring them before court.”

Nicolás Maduro
President of Venezuela

“It is unheard of. It is unacceptable that they have tried to harm sportspeople. Pure fascism. You are going to jail, you fascists, you cowards, cowards, a thousand times cowards! You’re a bunch of cowards and we’re going after you.”

Nicolás Maduro
President of Venezuela

The Cuban baseball players were interviewed. They denied having been attacked by the protesters, like Maduro had said.

Alfredo Despaigne, a member of the Cuban team staying at the Venetur Hotel, assured reporters that the Villa Clara (Cuba) team was not affected by the youth's peaceful demonstration.

Statement issued by Alfredo Despaigne, selector for the Cuban baseball team.

“Andrés Izarra offensively informed that these youngsters viciously assaulted the players and vandalized hotel facilities. However, one of the team’s fielders recounted that the protest did not harm them. They were neither assaulted nor hurt.”

**Armando Armas
Regional Coordinator of Voluntad Popular
for Anzoátegui state**

The Truth

**The people of Margarita
went out into the streets
and was attack by the
NG. The government lies
about the facts.**

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6 people



Armando Armas, Voluntad Popular's Regional Coordinator for Anzoategui state, along with Gilbert Caro and Wladimir Ramírez (both leaders of the orange party's Penitentiary Networks Social Movement), peacefully protested before the gates of Puente Ayala Prison. They were denouncing the abuse, repression, and criminalization of protests led by the government against dissidents.

Progressive leaders, accompanied by family and friends, demanded the release of political prisoners who, in their view, are victims of the actions of a dictatorial government.

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**criticizes this attempt to outlaw
peaceful protests...**

**...performed by the people of
margarita, with no political colors,
only bearing the three-coloured
national flag, and their
demonstration being both
peaceful and constitutional.**

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Free political prisoners.

**Freedom from this dictatorial,
violent government.**

VOLUNTAD POPULAR
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PRISONERS WHO ARE IN FACT
VICTIMS OF THE DICTATORIAL
GOVERNMENT

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