

# Colombia rebels free two women hostages

Marxist rebels have freed two women hostages held for more than five years in the jungles of Colombia. The deal, brokered by Venezuelan president *Hugo Chavez*, provides the first major breakthrough for years between the Colombian government and the FARC, Latin America's oldest guerrilla group



**Freed:** Former congresswoman **Consuelo Gonzalez**, 57, (left), and **Clara Rojas**, 44, aide to former presidential candidate **Ingrid Betancourt**

