

# Who might replace Venezuela's Hugo Chavez?



**Diosdado Cabello**

President of National Assembly and No. 2 in ruling Socialist Party (PSUV) after Chavez

Rewarded with several ministerial posts for his loyalty to Chavez. Wields considerable power in business, military and government circles



**Rafael Ramirez**

Energy minister since 2002 and president of state oil company PDVSA since 2004

Among longest-serving senior officials and very close to Chavez. Seen by some outsiders as de facto No. 2 in government



**Nicolas Maduro**

Foreign minister, but now fighting provincial governorship election on Chavez's orders

Former trade unionist, married to Venezuela's attorney general. Seen by many as heir-in-waiting after Chavez's cancer diagnosis



**Elias Jaua**

Vice-president, formerly agriculture minister and secretary to presidency

Helped found PSUV and was among most prominent government faces during Chavez's absence for cancer treatment last year



**Henry Rangel Silva**

Top army general and defence minister

Accused by U.S. of helping Colombia's FARC rebels with drug trafficking. Has said that military will not accept opposition victory in 2012 presidential polls



**Adan Chavez**

President's older brother, governor of Barinas – Chavez's home state

Many Chavez supporters see him as "safe" choice to succeed but others fear his radical left-wing views could trigger disputes within PSUV