

# Venezuelan opposition leader arrested

Hardline opposition leader Leopoldo Lopez has surrendered to Venezuelan authorities to face charges of inciting violence during protests in which four people were killed in the South American nation



**Leopoldo Lopez**  
**Born:** April 29, 1971, Caracas.  
Educated in U.S., gains master's degree from Harvard University.  
Distant relative of Venezuela's independence hero **Simon Bolivar**

**2000-2008:** Serves as mayor of wealthy Chacao district of Caracas. 2008 bid for Caracas mayor blocked by alleged corruption charges

**2009:** Founds right-of-centre **Voluntad Popular** (Popular Will) party. Vocally opposed to policies of President **Hugo Chavez**

**2012:** Enters race to become opposition presidential candidate to stand against Chavez, but backs out to support rival bid by **Henrique Capriles**

**Feb 19, 2014:** Surrenders to security forces. Stands accused by President **Nicolas Maduro** of inciting violence as part of coup plot



**Nicolas Maduro**

Took over after death of Chavez in March 2013. Blamed by opposition protesters for food shortages and soaring inflation

**Henrique Capriles**

Narrowly lost to Maduro in April 2013 election. Criticized by Lopez for having too moderate stance against government

