

Venezuela political crisis timeline

■ **Jan 2016:** President **Nicolás Maduro's** government declares 60-day economic emergency amid deep recession fuelled by low oil prices

■ **Feb:** Maduro devalues currency and hikes petrol prices for first time in decades in attempt to shore up economy

■ **Apr:** Government restricts public employees to two-day working week as energy-saving measure, after severe drought dramatically reduces water levels at country's main hydroelectric dam in Guri

■ **Sep:** Hundreds of thousands of people march through Caracas, calling for Maduro's removal and heaping pressure on electoral commission to allow plebiscite on his rule



■ **Mar 29, 2017:** Protests erupt across country following decision by government-controlled Supreme Court to strip opposition-led National Assembly of all its powers

■ **Apr 1:** Amid international outcry, Supreme Court reverses ruling but demonstrations continue

■ **Apr 7:** Opposition leader **Henrique Capriles** banned from politics for 15 years

● Cities where fatalities reported since Apr 1



CARIBBEAN SEA

Caracas

Valencia

Cabudare

Barquisimeto

Guri dam

Barinas

Merida

San Cristobal

VENEZUELA

200km
125 miles



■ **Apr 25:** As death toll from recent unrest rises, opposition vows to "stay on the streets" until presidential elections due to be held in 2018 are brought forward