

Who backs Venezuela's two presidents?

The United States and more than 50 other countries have recognised Juan Guaidó as Venezuela's legitimate leader. But others, including Russia, are backing embattled President Nicolás Maduro



Juan Guaidó

Opposition leader declared himself interim president in January 2019 to force Maduro from power



Nicolás Maduro

Re-elected in 2018 in polls marred by opposition boycott and allegations of vote-rigging



BACKING GUAIDÓ

- Venezuela:** Signs that military personnel are deserting to Colombia and Brazil in growing numbers
- United States:** Administration of President **Donald Trump** has imposed raft of sanctions in attempt to dislodge Maduro from power
- Latin America:** Includes Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia and Peru
- EU:** Support declared by all members in Feb 2019, except Italy, Greece, Slovakia and Cyprus
- Others:** Include Australia, Canada, Israel, Japan and South Korea

BACKING MADURO

- Venezuela:** Defence minister says armed forces remain with Maduro. Supreme Court and state oil firm PDVSA also loyal
- Russia:** Venezuelan oil industry investor and "lender of last resort" has sent weapons and 100 troops
- China:** Significant creditor to indebted Venezuelan government
- Latin America:** Left-leaning governments such as Cuba, Bolivia and Nicaragua
- Others:** Include Iran, North Korea, South Africa, Syria and Turkey