

How Maduro's capture unfolded

The U.S. says its capture of Venezuela's president Nicolás Maduro took months of planning, but once Donald Trump gave the order to launch, the operation was over within hours



Approx 17:30
Maduro and his wife arrive in New York, where they face narco-terrorism charges

U.S.

Jan 2, 23:46: Trump authorises **Operation Absolute Resolve** from Mar-a-Lago residence

Right: Maduro in custody in New York



Approx 14:00: They leave U.S. Guantanamo Bay naval base by airplane

ATLANTIC OCEAN

GULF OF MEXICO
(Gulf of America)

CUBA

CARIBBEAN SEA

03:29: Couple are flown by helicopter to USS Iwo Jima warship

PACIFIC OCEAN

All times local (GMT-4)

VENEZUELA

COLOMBIA

500km
300 miles

Jan 3, 02:01: Elite U.S. troops reach Fort Tiuna compound in Caracas, where Maduro and his wife, **Cilia Flores**, are staying

Operation involves large-scale airstrikes on military targets to ensure safe passage of U.S. helicopters to Maduro's compound

Left: Maduro aboard USS Iwo Jima

