

U.S. interventions in Latin America

The bombardment of Venezuela and capture of President Nicolás Maduro echoes a long history of U.S. interventions in Latin America since the Cold War



UNITED STATES



■ **Cuba, 1961:** Some 1,400 Cuban exiles, trained by CIA, launch failed **Bay of Pigs** invasion aimed at ousting **Fidel Castro** (left)

■ **Panama, 1989:** President **George H. W. Bush** orders invasion by around 27,000 U.S. troops to capture **Manuel Noriega** (below) – former CIA ally indicted on U.S. drug charges



■ **Guatemala, 1954**
Elected President **Jacobo Árbenz**, whose land reforms threaten U.S. business interests, toppled by CIA under President **Eisenhower**, leading to decades of civil war

Nicaragua

Dominican Rep. 1965

El Salvador
1980

Ecuador
1963

Venezuela
2026

Bolivia
1971

Paraguay
1954

Argentina
1976

Uruguay
1973

■ **Nicaragua, 1980s:** President **Ronald Reagan** funds **Contra** rebels fighting **Sandinista** government financed partly through illegal arms sales to Iran, sparking **Iran-Contra** scandal

■ **Chile, 1973**
CIA supports destabilisation and coup overthrowing leftist President **Salvador Allende** (right), bringing **General Augusto Pinochet** to power



■ **Brazil, 1964:** U.S. backs coup overthrowing elected left-wing President **João Goulart** (above), ushering in 21-year military dictatorship



■ **Operation Condor 1970s:** CIA provides intelligence and support to right-wing dictatorships in Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Uruguay and Paraguay that coordinate repression against leftists

U.S. backed coups