

URGENT ACTION

OPPOSITION POLITICIAN RELEASED

Antonio Rivero has been released pending trial. He was arrested for his involvement in protests after the election results were published.

Antonio Rivero was released on 17 May. He had been arrested on 27 April after he was called for a meeting with officials from the Ministry of the Interior at the premises of the Venezuelan Intelligence Service. Two days later, on 29 April Antonio Rivero was charged with incitement to hatred and conspiracy to commit a crime (*delitos de instigación al odio y asociación ilegal para delinquir*). According to his lawyer, the only evidence upon which the prosecutor based the accusations is a video where Antonio Rivero is speaking to people who were peacefully protesting against the results of the 14 April Venezuela's presidential elections.

Antonio Rivero was on hunger-strike for over two weeks, in protest about his arrest, which he believes is politically motivated.

There is no need to write further appeals for the time being. Thanks to all those who wrote.

This is the first update of UA 115/13. Further information: <http://amnesty.org/en/library/info/AMR53/006/2013/en>

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