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# TORTURED FOR GOING TO A PUBLIC PROTEST

**DANIEL QUINTERO**  
VENEZUELA

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Daniel Quintero, 21, was beaten, intimidated and threatened with rape by members of Venezuela's national guard, after he was arrested on the way home from an anti-government demonstration in February 2014.

"They kicked and punched me in the face and ribs, and hit me on the forehead with the butts of their guns," he told Amnesty later. "They all queued up to hit me. One of them whipped me on my left shoulder with a leather cord." He was stripped to his underwear, handcuffed and forced to spend nine hours doubled up with his hands touching his ankles. If he moved, they beat him.

Daniel told Amnesty he was repeatedly humiliated, insulted and threatened. At one point, the commanding officer "told me they were going to burn me. He had a can

of petrol, wires and matches. The whole army surrounded me while he hit me nine times with his baton."

Daniel is one of many who have complained of torture and other cruel treatment in Venezuela. The authorities appear to have targeted people who they believe took part in mass protests across the country earlier this year.

**Please write to the President of Venezuela today – demand a full, independent investigation into allegations of torture against Daniel, and help bring those responsible to justice.**



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### **Write to the President of Venezuela**

Demand a full, independent investigation into allegations of torture against Daniel, and help bring those responsible to justice.

**Write to:** Sr. Nicolás Maduro Moros,  
President of Venezuela,  
Final Avenida Urdaneta, Esq. De Bolero,  
Palacio de Miraflores,  
Caracas, Distrito Capital,  
Venezuela

Salutation: 'Señor Presidente' / 'Dear President'  
Twitter: @NicolasMaduro

### **Write a letter of support to Daniel**

Please send a letter or card to Daniel via Amnesty Venezuela, to let him know we won't forget him. A simple Spanish phrase you could use is 'Estamos pensando en ti' ('We are thinking of you').

**Write to:** Amnistía Internacional Venezuela,  
Apartado Postal 52121,  
Sabana Grande, Caracas 1050,  
Venezuela