

Pastor and coordinator of “March for Jesus” in Venezuela was arrested by the government

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The **Directorate General of Military Counterintelligence** Officials (DGCIM) arrested the pastor José Albeiro Vivas.



Vivas, who is also an aviation major, is the coordinator of the “March for Jesus” event. This event takes place every October 12 in the main cities of the country.

The arrest happened when the “March for Jesus” event reached the adjacencies of Parque La Federacion, located on the 23rd of January avenue of the capital of that entity, where the mobilization ends.

Christians scheduled a prayer for the liberation and peace of the country in which Vivas, coordinator of the event went up to the platform and said a few words.

When he was talking, he also made reference to the activity’s motto: «Venezuela, your time of freedom has arrived».

That was enough for authorities to believe that he was referring to being free from Nicolás Maduro and the government.



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Authorities accuse Vivas of the following charges.

The official of the procedure indicated that an arrest warrant No. 792-19 of the Military Prosecutor's Office 50, in charge of the First Lieutenant, Luisana Osorio, was executed by officials under the command of Commissioner Kassen Pérez.

The charges attributed to Vivas are the improper use of decorations, badges and military titles, in addition, «disobedience».

The major of the aviation was taken to the headquarters of the Dgcim in Barinas, where he remains confined.

The evidence that the prosecution used for its imputation is a video reproduced on social media in which Vivas wearing his uniform, invite people from Barina State to accompany to go to the march.

Venezuelan laws support the pastor

The Constitution of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, in its article 59, contemplates freedom of worship: "The State shall guarantee freedom of religion and worship.

Everyone has the right to profess their faith and religious cults and to express their beliefs in private or in public, through teaching or other practices, provided they do not oppose morality, good customs and public order.

Likewise, the independence and autonomy of churches and religious denominations are guaranteed, with no limitations other than those derived from this Constitution and the law. "

Officer José Albeiro Vivas has the perfect right to wear the uniform because he is active military. And it is absurd the decision of the Dgcim to stop him and even more so of the Military Prosecutor when imputing him.

It cannot be argued that the officer wears the uniform in a religious act when a few days ago, in the celebration of the Virgin of the Valley in Margarita, the army paid tribute to their religious beliefs, wearing uniforms, badges, and decorations, as they do in each of the religious events they want to attend.

It should be noted that what is happening in Venezuela has its spiritual background, so we must remember what the Bible says in [Ephesians 6:12](#).

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