
Here's Your Guide to Understanding Protest Deaths in Venezuela (+ Interactive Info)

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Headlines about ongoing violence in Venezuela are practically inescapable, with at least 82 people dead since opposition-led protests aimed at toppling the government began in early April.

In addition to those killed, over 1,200 have been injured in the protests.

Right-wing opposition leaders have attempted to portray the deaths as examples of state repression and evidence of the "dictatorship" that they are aiming to topple. Mainstream media have by and large echoed this version of events, using titles like "Venezuelan Regime Has Blood On Its Hands" and "Venezuela's Tiananmen Moment."

Some outlets have even gone as far as claiming the elected government of President Nicolas Maduro as engaging in "a campaign of state genocide."

The reality of the situation on the ground, however, demonstrates something very different.

Here's a breakdown of those killed since the opposition protests began.

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