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Rajoy calls for the release of the mayor of Caracas

After receiving the wife of Ledezma

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USPA NEWS - The Spanish prime minister, Mariano Rajoy, on Friday called for the "immediate" release of the mayor of Caracas, Antonio Ledezma, as well as the rest of opponents arrested in Venezuela for exercising their right to freedom of expression.

Rajoy received the wife of the mayor of Caracas, Mitzy Capriles, and expressed the support of the conservative Popular Party (PP in its acronym in Spanish) shares the Venezuelan opposition is underway for the release of political. Ledezma was arrested on 19 febrero, accused of plotting a coup with the help of foreign governments. His arrest has caused an international stream of support for Ledezma and criticism of the government of Nicolas Maduro.

Moreover, the Spanish populist party Podemos Friday justified its rejection of the resolution adopted by the European Parliament about Venezuela. According to the secretary general of training and MEP, Pablo Iglesias, the resolution adopted was "extremist" and "ideological" and justified why voting against their formation. The resolution condemned the "arbitrary" arrest of opposition leaders in Venezuela, condemned the repression of peaceful demonstrations and demanded the immediate release of political prisoners. Iglesias also recalled that his training proposed several amendments "to reach an agreement," which were not accepted.

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