



Opposition Activist Arrested with Explosives Equipment

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The US prize winning opposition activist Yon Goicoechea has been arrested by Venezuelan authorities for the alleged possession of explosives equipment just two days ahead of the opposition demonstration scheduled for September 1st.

On Monday evening, Venezuelan news agencies began reporting Goicoechea's arrest, which was subsequently confirmed by Diosdado Cabello, Vice-president of the United Socialist Party for Venezuela (PSUV).

"He was detained, and they found in his possession detonator chords for explosives. This man was trained by North American imperialism for years," stated Cabello.

"We prefer a million times over to imprison a murderer in time, than to let a drop of blood flow through the streets of Caracas, because that is what they want," he continued.

Venezuelan citizen Goicoechea was awarded the U.S.-based Cato Institute's \$500,000 "Milton Friedman Prize for Advancing Liberty" in 2008 for his role in anti-government protests in 2007. His family has denied the allegations against him to the press.