

Fiscal General
Tarek William Saab
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VENEZUELA

Javier Tarazona

Dear Fiscal General Tarek William Saab,

On 2nd July 2021, Venezuelan citizen Javier Tarazona tried to report a case of maltreatment by security forces to the Attorney General in the city of Coro. As a result, he has been imprisoned for almost two years and has to defend himself against charges of inciting hatred, treason, and terrorism.

He is the head of the Venezuelan NGO *FundaREDES*, and it would appear that his detention might be a means of silencing him.

However, as Javier Tarazona is a prisoner of conscience imprisoned solely for his human rights activities, I urge you to grant his immediate and unconditional release, and in the meantime ensure he is given access to urgent medical care because his health has seriously deteriorated during the period of his detention.

Yours sincerely,