

A swap which freed seven Americans unlawfully detained in Venezuela for two prisoners jailed on drug smuggling convictions.



PRESS RELEASE

October 01, 2022 – Hostage Aid Worldwide gladly welcomes the release of seven wrongfully detained Americans in Venezuela; Matthew Heath, Osman Khan, and the Citgo6 Executives: Tomeu Vadell, Jorge Toledo, Alirio Zambrano, Jose Luis Zambrano, and Jose Pereira are finally free and returning home to their families.

"Hostage Aid would like to thank President Biden for accepting the swap deal that was proposed to him" said President of Hostage Aid Nizar Zakka. "We urge Special Presidential Envoy Carstens to offer the necessary medical, psychological, and financial support and assistance the freed hostages may need in order to overcome any challenges they face upon their return in order to reintegrate smoothly into society."

In addition to congratulating the families of the freed hostages, we cannot but applaud their perseverance, determination, and continued patience in fighting for the return of their loved ones. They are truly our heroes.

Finally, Hostage Aid Worldwide encourages and urges the Biden Administration to continue this significant effort and commitment and do everything possible to secure the release of all our remaining hostages and unlawfully detained abroad and bring them safely back home.

