



Hostage Aid Worldwide Honors Eyvin Hernandez, Former American Hostage Held in Venezuela



May 01, 2024 – On May 01, 2024, Hostage Aid Worldwide President Nizar Zakka and former hostages Xiyue Wang and Sam Goodwin met with Eyvin Hernandez, an American who was held hostage in Venezuela for almost 2 years, and his father Pedro Martinez. They proudly presented Eyvin with a token of recognition for all the suffering he endured during his unjust detention in Venezuela.

Eyvin Hernandez, an LA county public defender, was kidnapped in March 2022 at the border of Colombia and Venezuela and turned over to Venezuelan security forces. He was jailed in a maximum security prison in Caracas and charged with criminal association and conspiracy which are punishable by up to 16 years in jail.

Eyvin’s ordeal lasted 21 months in which he endured torturous living conditions and abuse. He was finally released on December 20, 2023, along with several Americans, as part of a prisoner exchange deal that freed Alex Saab, a close ally of Venezuelan president Nicolas Maduro.

Eyvin was honored for his resilience and perseverance in the face of his inexcusable and unjustified imprisonment in Venezuela, and for his courage and strength in fighting for his freedom.

We wish Eyvin all the best on his journey of reintegration and “long overdue” freedom.



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