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INTRODUCTION

What was the context of this crusade against corruption?

As of this writing, it has been three months into this “crusade” against corruption, which for the first time involves acting senior government officials. The targets no longer include political adversaries. To date, there have been 61 persons of interest, according to the Prosecutor General appointed by the National Constituent Assembly, Tarek William Saab, although he has only mentioned the names of 51 of them who are allegedly detained. The government acknowledged the existence of a plot targeting—again—state-owned oil company PDVSA, and which has put in check the close circle of Tareck El Aissami, who—among many other positions—has served as Vice President of the Republic, a key figure in the power structure, and has resigned in the midst of the arrests from one of his current key positions as Minister of Petroleum.

There has been no news about El Aissami’s whereabouts since he announced his resignation through a tweet, and not even Prosecutor General Saab has mentioned him. He barely spoke of a potential investigation against him. Not even the media aligned with the ruling party has mentioned El Aissami. Pro-government deputy Jesús Farias did make a reference, but no action was made on it.

Where is Tareck El Aissami? Nobody seems to have an answer in the midst of the opacity, censorship and self-censorship prompted by fear of the law-enforcement structure. And few ask about this official.

The umpteenth embezzlement in PDVSA was uncovered at a time of particular economic crisis. After the 2022 bubble, which—under the “Venezuela has been fixed” campaign—aimed to showcase the opening of new restaurants and high-end stores, and relatively improved fuel and energy supply in some regions of the country, 2023 saw an economic setback with worse numbers than previous years, and forced the government to raise the minimum wage to Bs. 130, or USD 5 per month, adding some special bonuses for some specific groups—for an additional USD 5—, with unconfirmed frequency.

There is no official information as to when this scheme began, nor on the amount involved. Government-aligned newspaper *Últimas Noticias*, however, estimated it at USD 3 billion in one report, but that amount was not mentioned again. Research site Armando.info estimated the amount north of USD 8 billion, and international news agency Bloomberg reported that the entire operation exceeded USD 20 billion. The piece includes an analysis of the possible amounts embezzled, estimating them at between USD 13 and 16 billion.



The investigation, dubbed by Prosecutor General Saab “PDVSA-Crypto,” and other schemes, mentions military officers in high-ranking positions, judges, justices, former parliamentarians, presidents of state-owned companies, private businessmen and even employees of the Baruta Municipality in Caracas. These serious corruption events are revealed in the year before the elections, with primary elections scheduled this year to choose the opposition candidate to face Nicolás Maduro in elections that should be held by the end of 2024, when his constitutional term lapses.

Nicolás Maduro would seek reelection for the second time, as he has been in power since 2013. Unconfirmed versions maintain that the “crusade against corruption” is an internal “purge” of the ruling party to annul those trying to unseat Maduro, or that it is a score to be settled for the missing money, much needed to address the economic crisis caused by the destruction of the national productive apparatus, and to kick off the electoral race.

How was the scheme orchestrated?

The information about the events is part of a puzzle that people are trying to put together given the lack of official information. A week after the first arrests, the official version of Prosecutor General Saab spoke of “oil operations conducted parallel to PDVSA” and that the network traded shipments of crude oil without any type of administrative oversight or guarantees, and that payments were not made.

The scheme of opaque and irregular trading escalated in January 2019 after the sanctions imposed by the U.S. government on PDVSA. In an attempt to circumvent the U.S. measures, the directors of the state-owned company initially turned to two operators of Russia’s Rosneft, and also traded hydrocarbons using techniques that bordered on piracy: they turned off the radars of the vessels carrying the oil, triangulated the sales, transferred cargoes between vessels at sea, sold it at a discount, and collected the money in Russian banks. After the United States issued sanctions against Russian operators, PDVSA turned to brokers to sell the oil. Newly created companies, without any experience in the oil sector, took ships with millions of barrels of oil from the docks of Venezuelan refineries, but the money for these shipments never made it to PDVSA’s accounts. Since February 2022, after Russia’s invasion of Ukraine, the collection of the shipments became increasingly complicated.

Did this really happen? What is the real debt to be collected? Are all liable parties under arrest? How can USD 13 billion (possibly much more) simply go up in smoke without anyone noticing? Who kept these public funds?



What went wrong?

While we know that a structure has been set up in Venezuela that fosters opacity, suppresses transparency and oversight systems, some facts are evident. Our organization made some public statements addressed to prosecutor Tarek William Saab, a few days after the first arrests. Where were the officials in charge of safeguarding the money of all Venezuelans? From the internal comptroller of PDVSA, the external auditors, the board of directors, the Comptrollership Commission of the National Assembly, the Comptroller General, even the President of the country himself, they all must give an answer. What kind of administrative, financial and business oversight systems, policies and procedures does the most important company in the country have that there are no institutional response when one million, two, ten, one billion or even 13 billion dollars simply go missing? Several departments and divisions of the “industry” were surely to be aware of what was going on; this type of money suggests that the entire top management of the company was aware of what was happening.

Why was no action taken when the first operation was put at risk? That is one of the many questions that our organization asked prosecutor Tarek William Saab in early May 2023¹. It is also something that should be answered by President Nicolás Maduro, as the person in charge of the National Treasury.

What is the impact?

These billions of dollars are urgently needed to address the many needs of a population that is more than 90% poor, almost 80% in extreme poverty, in need of humanitarian aid for more than 11 million Venezuelans; with gasoline shortages that regularly bring cities and food transportation to a standstill; with unscheduled power cuts for hours on end that cripple hospitals, schools, and production.

To help understand all the data collected in this report, we have divided it into five sections:

- I. Explanation of the corruption scheme and the background to understand the dimensions and liability around the facts.
- II. Estimate of the public money involved in the corruption scheme.
- III. Profile of the officials and businessmen under investigation and their links.
- IV. High ranking officials of the Ministry of Petroleum, PDVSA and SUNACRIP that were excluded from the investigation of the Prosecutor’s Office.
- V. History of actions of the agencies in the so-called “crusade against corruption”, anomalies and signs of impunity.

¹ <https://transparenciave.org/las-12-pregunta-transparencia-venezuela-ministerio-publico/>



1 The corruption scheme and the background to understand the dimensions and liability around the facts



On the afternoon of Friday, March 17, 2023, we witnessed yet another twist in the corruption that has taken root in Petróleos de Venezuela S.A. (PDVSA), the nation's largest company and main generator of the foreign currency that flows into the national accounts. That day saw the announcement of the prosecution of a group of people who allegedly allowed **ships loaded with millions of barrels of oil to leave the docks of Venezuelan refineries with no payments made to the state-owned oil company.**

The first announcements came from the National Anti-Corruption Police, which issued a statement claiming that it had asked the Public Prosecutor's Office to "prosecute" a number of persons who held positions within the national oil industry, as well as people involved with the judiciary and certain municipalities, who were allegedly "involved in serious acts of administrative corruption and embezzlement of funds."²

Most of the following announcements were made by the Prosecutor General appointed by the Constituent Assembly, Tarek William Saab, in the media and press conferences, revealing part of the MO: between October and November 2022, an investigation was initiated on a network of senior officials of PDVSA and the National Superintendence of Crypto-assets (SUNACRIP), who used their positions to carry out crude oil purchase and sale operations outside PDVSA.

According to facts presented by the prosecutor, **the illegal operations consisted in the assignment of crude oil shipments to SUNACRIP and to individuals, in breach of contracting regulations, without any administrative oversight or guarantees.** Although the illegally assigned crude was traded, the corresponding payments to the oil company were not made. In addition, cryptocurrencies were allegedly used to launder the money.³

2 Statement by the National Anti-Corruption Police. <https://twitter.com/luchaalmada/status/1636786671562932224?t=aBaub eT86tWlbnI8YaZoAA&s=08> 17/03/2023

3 Venezuelan Public Prosecution Ministry. Prosecutor General announced the arrest of 21 persons for involvement in a corruption scheme at PDVSA. <http://www.mp.gob.ve/index.php/2023/03/23/fiscal-general-anuncio-detencion-de-21-personas-por-participar-en-trama-de-corrupcion-en-pdvsa/> 23/03/2023



The network also allegedly used a conglomerate of trading companies to launder the proceeds from the sales, through the purchase of cryptocurrency, assets and property, and investments in the construction and real estate sector. The crimes they are charged with are appropriation or diversion of public funds, influence peddling, money laundering, conspiracy and treason.

While there are many doubts among the Venezuelan population since the announcement of the first arrests, government agencies have failed to provide more detailed information on the corruption mechanism used, nor have they provided in-depth information on the role of each of the detainees, the amount of public funds involved and their location.

However, publications by international organizations, renowned media and think tanks had been warning for at least four years about the opaque and risky operations that PDVSA was carrying out to sell its oil after the sanctions imposed by the United States in 2019. The follow-up and analysis of the reports allows us to determine the new embezzlement scheme at the state-owned company.

1. January 2019. U.S. sanctions imposed. PDVSA explores new ways to circumvent the measures.

Since January 2019, when the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) of the U.S. Treasury Department sanctioned PDVSA⁴, as one of the strongest measures by then

U.S. President Donald Trump against the Maduro administration, PDVSA's finances were impacted.

The prohibition to sell oil to the United States shut off much of PDVSA's cash flow, shortly thereafter, Venezuelan authorities planned new routes to export Venezuelan crude oil, but at the same time these favored opacity and the opportunity for new businesses with groups close to power and willing to assist in exchange for a slice of the Venezuelan treasury cake.

A report prepared by economic and financial consulting firm Ecoanalítica for Transparencia Venezuela highlights that international sanctions encouraged corruption practices in the export of crude oil, generating opportunities for traders willing to take the risk of being sanctioned, trading Venezuelan crude oil with discounts of +30% in the Asian market.

One of the main strategies followed by the Venezuelan government was to turn to its allies Russia and Iran, which are also sanctioned, to learn about the routes used by them to circumvent U.S. measures, and even to rely on them in order to sell and collect their oil bill.

After the sanction, PDVSA switched to doing business mainly with two units of Russian giant Rosneft, according to export schedules of the state-owned company accessed by Reuters.⁵ Together, Rosneft Trading SA and TNK Trading International S.A. handled a large percentage of Venezuela's oil exports

4 Departamento del Tesoro de EE UU. Treasury Sanctions Venezuela's State-Owned Oil Company Petroleos de Venezuela, S.A. <https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/sm594> 28/01/2019.

5 Reuters. Compradores fantasma en Rusia, consejos de Irán ayudan a Venezuela a eludir sanciones. <https://www.reuters.com/article/venezuela-petroleo-exportaciones-idLTAKBN27Q29B> 10/11/2020.



in 2019, according to statements by OFAC spokespersons.⁶

In August 2019, Rosneft Trading S.A. traded a shipment of two million barrels of Venezuelan crude oil with PDVSA and found a vessel willing to carry the cargo despite difficulties in doing business in Venezuela;⁷ in September 2019, PDVSA supplied a one million barrel shipment of Merey-16 to Rosneft Trading S.A., which was loaded on a vessel in Venezuela bound for Asia; in Q4 2019, PDVSA arranged oil shipments with Rosneft Trading S.A. involving 55 million barrels of crude oil produced from September to December 2019.

In addition to relying on Russian companies for the placement of oil, **PDVSA increased its use of the Russian financial system as a way to circumvent Western banks.** In 2018, the state-owned company had already chosen Evrofinance Mosnarbank, in which the Republic of Venezuela holds 49.9% of shares, to handle some payments to its suppliers,⁸ which were asked to channel international transactions through the Moscow bank. This relationship expanded after the sanctions against PDVSA.

International media also reported that airplanes carrying tens of millions of dollars and euros in cash were being sent from Russia to Venezuela as payment for oil and other items. Customs data compiled by Import Genius—a business intelligence

firm that tracks shipping data—shows that Russia's Gazprombank sent in January 2019 to Venezuela's BANDES two plane loads of cash: one with 100 million euros (USD 110.20 million) and another with USD 50 million.⁹

The state-owned company in turn began charging in euros in cash directly and started to study the possibility of charging through cryptocurrencies.

The Venezuelan government also began to replicate strategies developed by Iran to try to mislead the Americans. The oil company began use ghost ships, which do not identify themselves or use forged identifications, turn off their tracking devices while en route, transfer cargoes between tankers at sea, among others.

2. February-March 2020. Russian companies are sanctioned and new customers are needed.

Between February and March 2020, OFAC sanctioned Rosneft Trading S.A. and TNK Trading International S.A., the two units of Rosneft that had been helping PDVSA to sell its oil in international markets. After the measure, the Russians decided to part ways, and from then on, the Venezuelan state-owned company had an increasing need to turn to new clients to continue exporting oil. Although it had started to operate with some of these new clients since 2019, since 2020 the relationship with them has expanded.

6 U.S. Department of the Treasury. Treasury Targets Additional Russian Oil Brokerage Firm for Continued Support of Maduro Regime <https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/sm937> 12/03/2020

7 U.S. Department of the Treasury. Treasury Targets Russian Oil Brokerage Firm for Supporting Illegitimate Maduro Regime <https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/sm909> 18/02/2020

8 Bloomberg. Planeloads of Cash From Russia Have Been Shipped to Venezuela <https://www.themoscowtimes.com/2019/11/01/what-next-russias-economy-a68015> 01/11/2019

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On the same dates, on February 19, 2020, the Venezuelan Executive Branch published in Official Gazette No. 41.825, the declaration of energy emergency of the hydrocarbons industry, and created the “Alí Rodríguez Araque” Presidential Commission for the Defense, Restructuring and Reorganization of the National Oil Industry, entrusted with designing, supervising, coordinating and advancing all the productive, legal, administrative, labor and commercialization processes of the national public oil industry and related activities, including PDVSA and the Venezuelan Oil Corporation (CVP). Article 4 of such Decree granted the Commission the power to:

To determine the creation, suppression, modification, centralization or decentralization of attributions, management or procedures in any of the entities of the public sector of the oil industry and related activities, or to carry out their standardization for a group of them in matters of procurement, contracting, strategic planning and commercialization, in accordance with the legal regulations in force.

This commission was made up of 18 people, with **Tareck El Aissami**, who was the Minister of Petroleum, as **chairperson**, and Asdrubal Chavez, then president of PDVSA, as vice-chair. According to investigations of recognized national and international media, **El Aissami¹⁰ was one of the main architects of the strategy to sell Venezuelan oil by expanding the use of a network of traders or intermediaries.**

According to PDVSA internal documents to which the media have had access, **PDVSA turned to a hundred intermediaries to trade and distribute the oil.** Most of these operators were recently registered in opaque jurisdictions such as Hong Kong, Panama, Belize or the United Arab Emirates, had no experience in the energy business or were managed by businessmen aligned with the government.

Oil sales with the new intermediaries were made following two main schemes. **First, PDVSA sold oil as compensation, the state-owned company sent hydrocarbons that the recipients had to pay for with goods or services or by covering debts owed by the state-owned company to third parties. Second, the company sold oil on consignment.**

Sales as compensation: One of the best documented examples of the sale of oil as compensation was reported by the U.S. Treasury Department on June 18, 2020. That day OFAC sanctioned Mexican businessmen Joaquín Leal Jiménez, Olga María Zepeda Esparza, Verónica Esparza García and the companies Libre Abordo and Schlager Business Group S. de RL de CV for allegedly operating a sanctions evasion scheme that benefited the Maduro administration and PDVSA. The scheme involved Colombian businessman Alex Saab, imprisoned in the U.S. on money laundering charges, and Minister El Aissami himself.

10 Armando.info. Pdvsa dio patente de curso a unos intermediarios que le quedaron debiendo. <https://armando.info/pdvsa-dio-patente-de-curso-a-unos-intermediarios-que-le-que-daron-debiendo/> 20/11/2022

11 U.S Department of the Treasury. Treasury Targets Sanctions Evasion Network Supporting Corrupt Venezuelan Actors <https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/sm1038> 18/06/2020



According to the indictment, Saab and Leal devised an “oil-for-food” sales program that never resulted in food deliveries to Venezuela. Saab and Leal, in connivance with Mexican companies Libre Abordo and Schlager Business Group, negotiated the resale of more than 30 million barrels of crude oil on behalf of PDVSA, approximately 40% of Pdvsa’s oil exports in April 2020.

Although Libre Abordo and Schlager Business Group claimed to have contracts with the Venezuelan government to deliver corn and 1,000 water tankers to Venezuela, these companies did not deliver corn and shipped approximately 500 water tankers (only half of what was contracted) at grossly inflated prices. According to the indictment, shipments do not match the amount of PDVSA’s crude oil that was lifted and resold by Libre Abordo and Schlager Business Group, valued at more than USD 300 million.

Sales on consignment: Internal PDVSA documents to which the investigative media have had access also reveal that the state-owned company delivered ships with millions of barrels to inexperienced intermediaries who pledged to pay for the shipments in the future. However, the money did not enter the oil company’s accounts. It is not known whether the recipients of the shipments maintain the debts receivable with the state-owned company or whether they paid part of the invoices and the money was diverted.

Investigative media outlet Armando.info accessed a confidential report dated October

11, 2022, prepared by the then Vice President of Commerce and Supply at PDVSA, Colonel Antonio Pérez Suárez, which reveals that the state-owned company transferred to the State uncollected invoices for oil shipments between 2019 and 2022 for 13,338 million dollars, in order to “close accounts receivable in the SAP computer system.”¹²

According to the media outlet, the amount includes “shipments delivered to third parties on instructions from the government” during the last four years.

Companies that received Venezuelan oil included: Walker International, which owes PDVSA some USD 77 million, according to the documents. The company is registered in the United Arab Emirates and has an address in Venezuela that seems unrelated with the company¹³; another intermediary is M and Y Trading Co, registered in Hong Kong in 2020. It owes PDVSA more than \$1.2 billion; In addition, another of PDVSA’s partners was Treseus International, a company run by Juan Fernando Serrano, a Spaniard charged last year with money laundering in federal court in Manhattan for conspiracy to smuggle oil for the benefit of wealthy Russians.¹⁴

In conversations held by Serrano with Russia’s Yury Orekhov, the latter said he **preferred to pay for oil with Tether, a cryptocurrency intended to be linked to more stable currencies such as the U.S. dollar.**¹⁵

3. February 2022. Russia’s invasion of Ukraine makes the process of sale and collection of PDVSA’s receivables more difficult.

12 Armando.info. Alex Saab y Álvaro Pulido también dejaron un ‘mono’ en Pdvsa. <https://armando.info/alex-saab-y-alvaro-pulido-tambien-dejaron-un-mono-en-pdvsa/> 09/04/2023

13 AP. Negociantes furtivos ganan millones con petróleo venezolano. <https://apnews.com/article/noticias-4c87442dc4c4ac0c3ab4ed342aa1618e> 31/03/2023

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15 AP. Cash is king for sanctioned Russian, Venezuelan oligarchs. <https://apnews.com/article/russia-ukraine-technology-middle-east-hong-kong-venezuela-6f0663fb71820a102193325b0f50fb6c> 21/10/2022



Russia's invasion of Ukraine in early 2022 had a great impact on world energy markets, and for Venezuela it became more complicated not only to place oil in international markets but also to collect and manage its bank accounts.

Russia went from being an important advisor and financial manager for PDVSA to becoming a competitor. Given the additional sanctions against Russia, large quantities of Russian oil had to go through the opaque commercial channels that Venezuela had been using to sell its oil. In terms of quality, Russian crude is usually better valued than Venezuelan crude.

In addition, the sanctions imposed on Russian banks after the invasion also resulted in significant PDVSA funds being frozen. In 2019, as part of U.S. sanctions on Venezuela, another bank widely used to trade with Russia, Evrofinance Mosnarbank, was blacklisted, forcing PDVSA to move its collection accounts to other banks.

In early 2022 it became known that Venezuela was asking Russia to unfreeze oil revenues in several Russian banks blacklisted by the United States, especially Promsvyazbank (PSB), where PDVSA and the Ministry of Defense have bank accounts¹⁶.

In this context of further restrictions on the use of Russian financial systems, the use of other payment methods for Venezuelan oil—such as cryptocurrencies—, became even more necessary. Sales and collection operations became more opaque due to measures previously taken by the Venezuelan authorities.

On October 12, 2020, the Official Gazette No. 6,583 Extraordinary published the so-called

Constitutional Anti-Blockade Law for National Development and Guarantee of Rights, issued by the National Constituent Assembly, which the government used as an argument to diversify financial mechanisms and receive payment for oil and mineral exports through cryptocurrency. The law sets out in Article 32:

For the purpose of protecting transactions involving financial assets of the Republic and its bodies, **the National Executive Branch may authorize the creation and implementation of any financial mechanism** that allows mitigating the effects of unilateral coercive measures and other restrictive or punitive measures that prompted this Constitutional Law, **including the use of cryptoassets and instruments based on blockchain technology.**

The law also allows for non-compliance—for specific cases—with legal or sub-legal rules whose application is impossible or counterproductive as a consequence of the effects caused by a certain “unilateral coercive measure or other restrictive or punitive measure.”

The administrative chaos in PDVSA's accounts receivable is such that, with the endorsement of Venezuelan Vice President Delcy Rodríguez in October, the state-owned oil company was reportedly authorized to incorporate in the next oil contracts “invoice assignment and compensation with the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela for the shipments of hydrocarbons to must be delivered in the future to third parties by instructions of the National Executive Branch.” In other words, the procedure was approved by the central government.

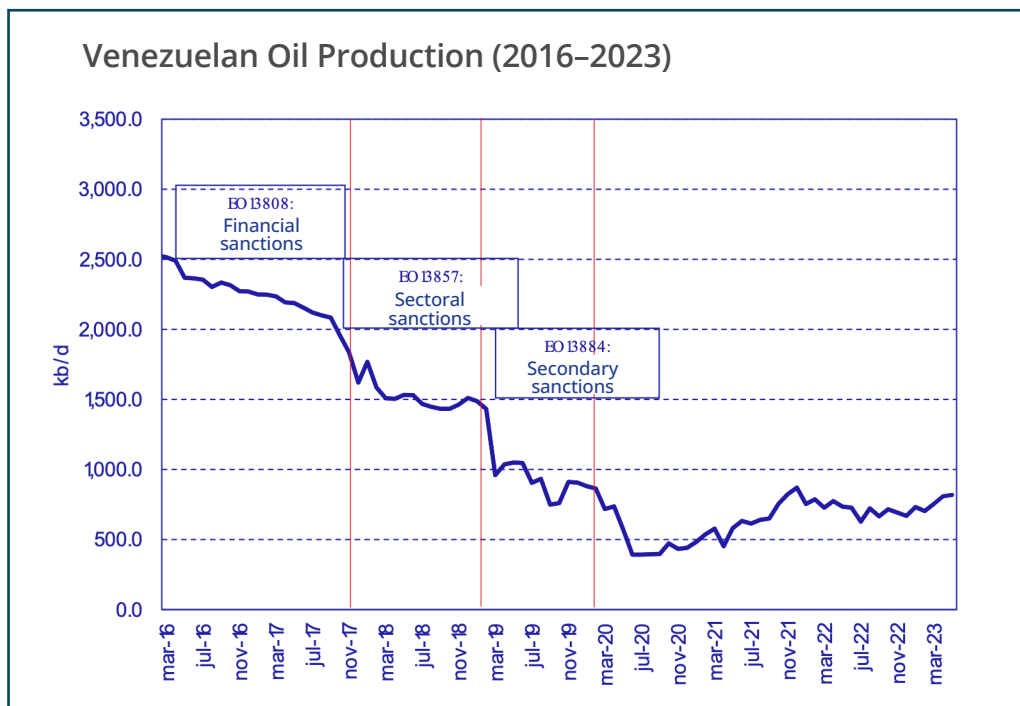
¹⁶ Reuters. U.S., Venezuela discuss easing sanctions, make little progress: sources. <https://www.reuters.com/world/americas/us-venezuela-discuss-easing-sanctions-make-little-progress-sources-2022-03-06/> 06/03/2022.



2 Estimate of the public money involved in the corruption scheme

Prompted by secondary sanctions¹⁷ in addition to the measures taken by the U.S. to curb the Maduro regime’s ability to market crude in international markets during Q1 2020, PDVSA was forced to limit the scope of their marketing agreements with Rosneft and other Mexican trader groups that facilitated Venezuelan oil exports

between 2019 and early 2020, and build new relationships with an assortment of oil brokers with questionable reputation and little information about the industry, which implied high levels of vulnerability for the USD 27.6 billion that—as per our estimate at Ecoanalítica—the nation’s oil industry produced between 2020 and 2023.



Source: Ecoanalítica and OPEC

In this regard, sources consulted within the industry by Ecoanalítica confirm that 13% of these bills—some USD 3.6 billion—are potentially uncollectible, since these traders left the country without making any

advance payment of at least a portion of the shipments, despite the fact that they had previously accepted these conditions. To make matters worse, PDVSA’s ability to track them is limited or non-existent because

¹⁷ Sanctions placed after the financial sanctions that curtailed PDVSA’s international financing—although the market already held it as an excessively low-risk and unattractive option—and the sanctions on the Venezuelan oil industry that limited exports to the U.S. and operations with U.S.-based companies.

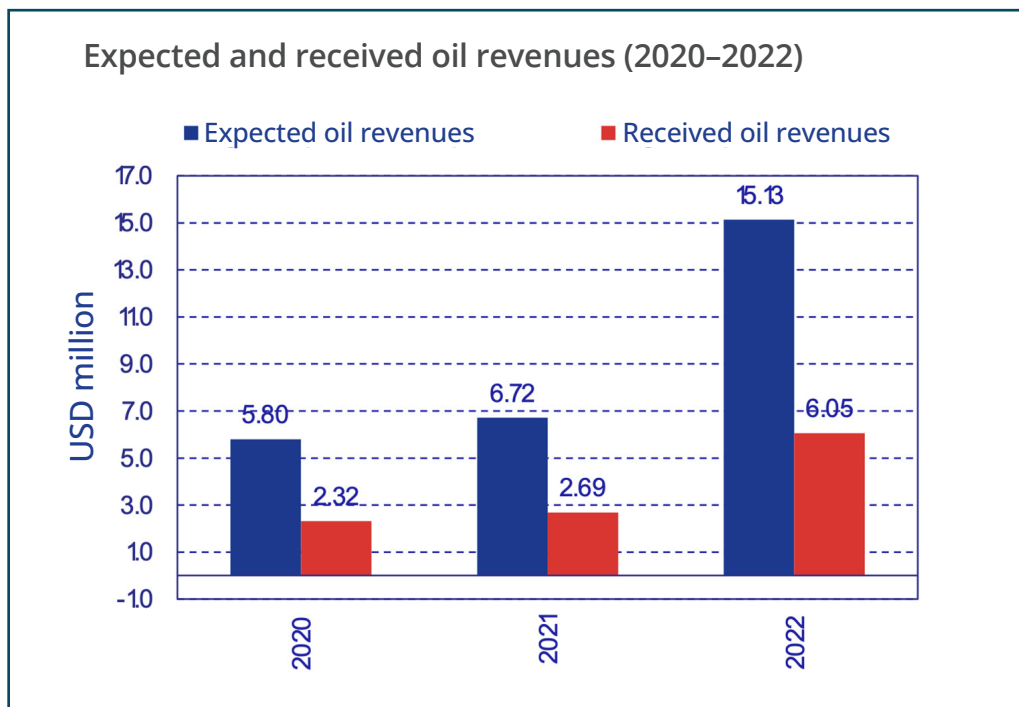


these were transactions with traders with little background in the oil market. In addition, another USD 13 billion are estimated to remain in accounts receivable, accounting for about 47% of PDVSA's oil revenues between Q1 2021 and Q1 2023, although Petroleum

Ministry management claims success in aggressive collections in recent weeks to reduce the outstanding accounts, driven by the need to bring cash in for the upcoming 2024 elections.

This suggests that about 60% of the oil revenues—about USD 16 billion

— remain unpaid, and that during those three years, of the USD 27.6 billion expected—according to Ecoanalítica estimates¹⁸—based on exports and oil prices, only about USD 11.05 billion were transferred into the state's treasury. These data is consistent with government spending during that period, and with the sales of foreign currency offered in the exchange commissions, in the order of USD 5.5 billion between 2020 and 2023, as well as the increase in extra-budgetary funds by USD 3.8 billion compared to April 2020, when they reached a USD 800 million low. The sum of both amounts results in about USD 9.3 billion, which would then explain the use of 85% of the funds that we estimated as received by the government in that period.



Source: Ecoanalítica

18 Considerando un descuento en la comercialización que ha variado entre 40 y 25%.

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In fact, a sign of the magnitude of the embezzlement of the national accounts is that—according to our estimates—, the elimination of collection bottlenecks, which has been noticeable in PDVSA’s recent demands to require payments in advance as a condition to trade crude oil, and which were part of the requirements of PDVSA’s international partners such as Chevron, ENI and Repsol once they resumed operations and requested the implementation of extensive audits, could lead to a quarterly

increase in oil revenues by 150%, from less than USD 1 billion collected in Q1 to 4 billion during the last quarters. This would drive revenues for PDVSA in the order of USD 12.5 billion for the year, twice the USD 6 billion made effective in 2022—what should have been over USD 15 billion, were it not for the scheme—, even though the price of Venezuelan oil has dropped by an average 33% in one year, from USD 80 to around USD 55 until mid-June.



3 Profile of the officials and businessmen under investigation and their links

Three months after the arrests and arraignments, we have only heard of the identity of some persons of interest mentioned by prosecutor Tarek William Saab. There are no details about their role in the scheme, nor how the mechanism operated exactly, much less whether there is any official estimate of the amounts involved. The prosecution is also a well-kept secret. There was only a display of images in the state-run media showing the detainees wearing “orange jumpsuits,” which is unusual in Venezuela. But as the days went by, silence became the norm, and even the government-aligned websites that leaked information from the government itself stopped reporting.

Officials named in the PDVSA-Crypto scheme

The Prosecutor General has named 14 officials allegedly involved in the corruption plot known as PDVSA-Crypto Scheme. Most of them have a long career in the Venezuelan public administration and at least seven have been appointed to their positions directly by Nicolás Maduro and Tareck El Aissami.

1. Antonio José Pérez Suárez. Arrested in March 2023. He is an army colonel

graduated from the Military Academy in July 1999. He was ranked 114th in the Colonel Miguel Antonio Vásquez cohort.¹⁹ He has been identified as the alleged “head of the corruption network”.

Since 2013 he has held at least 14 public positions, for six of which he was appointed by **Nicolás Maduro**, in two by **Tareck El Aissami**, in two by Juan Bautista Arias Palacio, and in the rest by Delcy Rodríguez, Carmen Meléndez and Carlos Osorio.²⁰

Tareck El Aissami also endorsed two of Pérez Suárez’s appointments made by Nicolás Maduro and one by Delcy Rodríguez.

According to a press investigation, the colonel was accused of being part of an alleged case of corruption with Haier household appliances. Pérez Suárez and Lieutenant Colonel Robert Guerra García, then head of the DGCIM Headquarters, reportedly applied for a number of Haier household appliances to be sold to the personnel and troops of the intelligence agency, through the “*Mi casa bien equipada*” social program, but they were actually stored in a warehouse located near the main headquarters of the Counterintelligence Directorate, in Boleíta, Caracas, to be sold on the black market.²¹

19 Runrunes. El ala verde de la #PurgaMadurista: los militares detenidos por el escándalo de Pdvsa <https://runrun.es/rr-es-plus/498590/el-ala-verde-de-la-purgamadurista-los-militares-detenido-por-el-escandalo-de-pdvsa/> 01/04/2023.

20 Corruptómetro. Antonio Pérez Suárez: la trayectoria del supuesto “jefe de la red de corrupción” en Pdvsa. <https://corruptometro.org/noticias/antonio-perez-suarez-la-trayectoria-del-supuesto-jefe-de-la-red-de-corrupcion-en-pdvsa/> 5/04/2023

21 Infobae. Hay funcionarios de la Dirección de Contrainteligencia venezolana involucrados en robos, extorsiones y detenciones extrajudiciales. <https://www.infobae.com/america/venezuela/2020/01/23/hay-funcionarios-de-la-direccion-de-contrainteligencia-venezolana-involucrados-en-robos-extorsiones-y-detenciones-extrajudiciales/> 23/01/2020.



POSITIONS HELD BY COLONEL ANTONIO JOSÉ PÉREZ SUÁREZ

Position	Gov't Agency/Body	Appointed by	Date	Gazette	Endorsed by	Endorsed by
Chairman	Fundación Pueblo Soberano	Nicolás Maduro Moros	25/07/2013	40.214	Jorge Alberto Arreaza Montserrat	Wilmer Omar Barrientos Fernández
Principal member	Board of Directors, “El Niño Simón” Foundation	Carlos Osorio	22/04/2014	40.396		
Chairman	Venirauto Industrias, C.A.	Nicolás Maduro Moros	23/05/2016	40.909	Aristóbulo Isturiz	Miguel Ángel Pérez Abad
Chairman	Corporación Socialista Del Sector Automotor, C.A. (Corsoauto)	Juan Bautista Arias Palacio	08/08/2016	40.961		
Principal member	Board of Directors, “El Niño Simón” Foundation	Carmen Meléndez	22/02/2017	41.101		
Principal Director	Autobuses Yutong Venezuela, S.A. bus assembly plant	Nicolás Maduro Moros	10/01/2018	41.317	Tareck El Aissami	Carlos Osorio
Chairman	Corporación Socialista del Cemento, S.A.	Nicolás Maduro Moros	15/06/2018	6.382	Delcy Eloína Rodríguez Gómez	Ildemaro Moises Villarroel Arismendi
Vice-Minister of Intermediate and Light Industries	Ministry of the People’s Power for Industries and National Production	Nicolás Maduro Moros	19/06/2018	41.422	Tareck El Aissami	Delcy Eloína Rodríguez Gómez
Principal Directo	Corporación De Industrias Intermedias De Venezuela S.A. (Corpivensa)	Delcy Eloína Rodríguez Gómez	29/10/2018	41.512	Tareck El Aissami	
Chairman	Corporación Socialista del Sector Electrodomésticos, C.A.	Juan Bautista Arias Palacio	12/11/2018	41.522		
Chairman of the Board	Corporación Socialista del Sector Automotor, C.A. (Corsoauto)	Tareck El Aissami	21/02/2019	41.591		
Vice president of Commerce and Supply	PDVSA	Nicolás Maduro Moros	28/02/2020	6.512		
Principal Director	Empresa de Distribución de Productos e Insumos Venezuela Productiva	Tareck El Aissami	14/09/2021	42.212		

2. **Heinrich Chapellín Biundo.** Arrested in March 2023. He is military officer graduated from the Army Military Academy in 2012 top of his class, “Coronel Diego Jalón” cohort.²²

Since 2016, he has held at least four public positions, for two of which he was appointed by **Tareck El Aissami** and in the others by José Antonio Pérez Suárez and Juan Bautista Arias Palacio, former Minister of Basic, Strategic and Socialist Industries.

22 Runrunes. El ala verde de la #PurgaMadurista: los militares detenidos por el escándalo de Pdvsa <https://runrun.es/rr-es-plus/498590/el-ala-verde-de-la-purgamadurista-los-militares-detenido-por-el-escandalo-de-pdvsa/> 01/04/2023.



POSITIONS HELD BY HEINRICH CHAPELLÍN BIUNDO

Position	Agency/Body	Appointed by	Date	Gazette
Employee of the Vice-Presidency of Trade and Supply, in charge of contracting, trading, loading and transportation of crude oil abroad.	PDVSA			
Principal Director	Empresa de Distribución de Productos e Insumos Venezuela Productiva, C.A.	Tareck El Aissami	21/02/2019	41.591
Principal member of the economic-financial area of the Public Procurement Commission	Empresa de Distribución de Productos e Insumos Venezuela Productiva, C.A.	José Antonio Pérez Suárez	17/10/2016	41.010
Member of the board of directors	Corporación Socialista del Sector Electrodomésticos, C.A.	Juan Bautista Arias Palacio	12/11/2018	41.522
Director	Corporación Socialista del Cemento, S.A. (CSC)	Tareck El Aissami	19/10/2018	41.506

3. Hugbel Rafael Roa Caruci. Arrested in March 2023. Current deputy to the National Assembly for Trujillo state, from the ruling United Socialist Party of Venezuela (PSUV). Allegedly managed the assignment of shipment contracts to non-paying operators. The Public Prosecutor’s Office confirmed the stake held by Roa Caruci in the JV Petrocededño²³.

Since 2007 he has held at least 10 public positions, for three of which he was appointed by **Nicolás Maduro**, two by **Tareck El Aissami**, and the rest by Hugo Chávez, Diosdado Cabello and Héctor Navarro.

POSITIONS HELD BY HUGBEL RAFAEL ROA CARUCI

Position	Agency/Body	Appointed by	Date	Gazette	Endorsed by
Representative of the Telecommunications Research and Development Fund Project Evaluation and Monitoring Board (trustee and chairman)	Ministry of the People’s Power for University Education, Science and Technology	Hugbel Roa	24/05/2018	41.404	
President of the National Productive Center for Technological Innovation for Import Substitution	Ministry of the People’s Power of the Office of the Presidency and Monitoring of Government Administration	Nicolás Maduro	10/05/2018	41.394	Tareck El Aissami
Member of the National Productive Center for Technological Innovation for Import Substitution	Ministry of the People’s Power of the Office of the Presidency and Monitoring of Government Administration	Nicolás Maduro	29/03/2017	6.293	Tareck El Aissami
Minister	Ministry of the People’s Power for University Education, Science and Technology	Nicolás Maduro	04/01/2017	41.067	
Member of the Electoral Nominations Committee of the National Assembly	National Assembly	Diosdado Cabello	24/10/2014	40.526	

²³ Tal Cual. Fiscal Saab confirma que Hugbel Roa controlaba trama de corrupción desde Petrocededño. <https://talcualdigital.com/fiscal-saab-confirma-que-hugbel-roa-controlaba-trama-de-corrupcion-desde-petrocedeno/> 27/03/2023.



POSITIONS HELD BY HUGBEL RAFAEL ROA CARUCI

Position	Agency/Body	Appointed by	Date	Gazette	Endorsed by
Principal member of the Board of Directors of the El Niño Simón National Foundation.	El Niño Simón National Foundation-Ministry of the People's Power for Education	Héctor Navarro	18/02/2010	39.369	
Chief Director of the Restructuring Board of the National Directorate of Intelligence and Prevention Services	Ministry of the People's Power for Internal Relations and Justice	Tareck El Aissami	31/08/2009	39.253	
General Director of the Strategic Office for Public Policy Follow-up and Evaluation of the Ministry of the People's Power for Internal Relations and Justice	Ministry of the People's Power for Internal Relations and Justice	Tareck El Aissami	17/07/2009	39.223	
Vice-Minister of Strategic Affairs of the Office of the President of the Republic	Office of the President of the Republic	Hugo Chávez	18/06/2007	38.707	
Deputy elected for the State of Trujillo	National Assembly	elected	Jan. 2020		

4. Jackeline Josefina Perico. Arrested on March 28, 2023, when she was Executive Director of Production of the Orinoco Oil Belt (FPO). She was a special guest for her achievements in 2021 at President Nicolás Maduro's 2021 Annual Report address at the National Assembly.²⁴

5. Jesús Enrique Salazar Querales. A military officer arrested in March 2023. He graduated from the Bolivarian Military Technical Academy in 2017, fifth in his class ("Bicentennial of the birth of General of the Sovereign People, General in Chief Ezequiel Zamora").²⁵ Officer at the Vice-Presidency of Commerce and Supply of PDVSA.

6. José Agustín Ramos Chirinos. Arrested in March 2023. A military officer graduated from the Military Academy in 2003, 33rd in his class "Fernando Rodríguez del Toro."²⁶ Officer at the Vice-Presidency of Commerce and Supply of PDVSA.

7. José Lima Cedeño. Arrested in March 2023. Executive Director of PDVSA Oriente and Deputy Executive Directorate of the Orinoco Oil Belt.

8. José Luis Ernesto Silva Orta. Arrested. He is registered as an active employee of the Treasury of Cryptoassets of Venezuela since July 16, 2019, according to information published by the Venezuelan Institute of Social Security (IVSS). Also as director of the state-owned companies Cincatesa and Proveeduría Socialista del Transporte Aragueño, whose purpose is the commercialization of all types of vehicles and machinery, as well as the supply of parts and services for public or private transportation, according to the National Contracting Registry (RNC).

Since 2008, **José Luis Ernesto Silva Orta** has held at least 9 public positions, for six of which he was appointed by **Tareck El Aissami**.

²⁴ Ministry of People's Power for Foreign Affairs. 2021 Annual Report address of President Nicolás Maduro at the National Assembly. <https://mppre.gob.ve/discurso/discurso-memoria-cuenta-2021-presidente-maduro-asamblea-nacional/17/01/2022>.

²⁵ Runrunes. El ala verde de la #PurgaMadurista: los militares detenidos por el escándalo de Pdvsa <https://runrun.es/rr-es-plus/498590/el-ala-verde-de-la-purgamadurista-los-militares-detenidos-por-el-escandalo-de-pdvsa/> 01/04/2023.

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POSITIONS HELD BY JOSÉ LUIS ERNESTO SILVA ORTA

Position	Agency/Body	Appointed by	Date	Gazette
Chairman of the Board of Directors	Gran Misión a Toda Vida Venezuela	Tareck El Aissami	31/07/2012	39.975
Principal member of the legal area of the Procurement Commission.	Presidential Commission on Dignified Shelters to Protect the Population in the Event of Emergencies or Disasters	Tareck El Aissami	15/05/2012	39.922
Officer in charge	Police Service Intergovernmental Fund	Tareck El Aissami	18/01/2012	39.845
Officer in charge	Police Service Intergovernmental Fund	Tareck El Aissami	18/04/2011	39.658
Director-general ²⁵	Autonomous Service of Registries and Notary Public Offices (SAREN)		2010	
Chairman	Police Service Intergovernmental Fund	Tareck El Aissami	03/06/2009	39.192
Principal member of legal area of the Procurement Committee	Ministry of the People's Power for Internal Relations and Justice	Tareck El Aissami	25/09/2008	39.024

9. **Joselit de la Trinidad Ramírez Camacho.**

Arrested. He was appointed principal director on the Board of Directors of the Treasury of Cryptoassets of Venezuela S.A. by Tareck El Aissami on February 12, 2019, and Superintendent of Cryptoassets by Nicolás Maduro on June 19, 2018, a position he held until March 17, 2023, when he was removed through decree number 4788 that ordered the restructuring of SUNACRIP.

Since 2018 he has held at least 8 public positions, in three of which he was appointed by **Nicolás Maduro**, three by **Tareck El Aissami**, and the rest by **Diosdado Cabello Rondón**, and Remigio Ceballos Ichaso.

Ramírez Camacho was also general director of the Vice-Presidency of the Republic, as well as president of the Venezuelan Federation of Criminologists (FEVECRIM).²⁶ He was also secretary of the Office and director of the Office of Citizen Services of the Government of Aragua.

On October 15, 2018 he claimed that, "From the official launch of the Petro as an exchange currency last October 1, we started a new phase, a new era where we are sure that the future of cryptoassets is going to play a very important role for the future of this people. We are simply adding wills, intentions and more knowledge."²⁹

Tareck Zaidan El Aissami, along with Samark López Bello, Víctor Mones Coro, Alejandro Javier Marín, Alejandro Miguel León Maal, Alejandro Antonio Quintavalle Yrady, Michols Orsini Quintero and Joselit de la Trinidad Ramírez Camacho, were indicted by a Manhattan Federal Court for allegedly evading OFAC sanctions by allegedly using U.S. companies to provide international transportation on a private jet. Víctor Mones Coro and Alejandro Javier Marín were sentenced, while El Aissami, López Bello and Ramírez Camacho have fugitive status.

27 Poderopedia. José Luis Silva. <https://poderopediave.org/persona/jose-luis-silva/>

28 Poderopedia. Joselit Ramírez. <https://poderopediave.org/persona/joselit-ramirez/>

29 Ídem



According to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), the indictment against Ramírez Camacho claims that he worked with others to violate and evade U.S. Treasury Department’s Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) narcotics-related sanctions, among other related regulations. In connection with this illegal scheme, Ramírez Camacho allegedly coordinated travel for OFAC-sanctioned Venezuelan individuals and government officials during the “re-election” campaign of Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro. In

addition, Ramírez Camacho allegedly conspired with others to launder payments for the aforementioned illicit acts by smuggling cash from Caracas, Venezuela to New York.³⁰

“Ramírez Camacho was designated as a target of the U.S. State Department’s Transnational Organized Crime Rewards Program in an effort to root out corruption and criminality linked to the Maduro regime in Venezuela” and up to \$5 million is offered for information leading to his arrest and/or conviction.

POSITIONS HELD BY JOSELIT DE LA TRINIDAD RAMÍREZ CAMACHO

Cargo	Agency/Body	Appointed by	Date	Gazette	Endorsed by	Endorsed by
Member of the Board	National Commission of Casinos, Bingo Halls and Slot Machines	Remigio Ceballos Ichaso	18/10/2021	42.235		
Lead Director on the Board of Directors	Empresa de Distribución de Productos e Insumos “Venezuela Productiva”, C.A.	Tareck El Aissami	14/09/2021	42.212		
Lead Director on the Board of Directors	Tesorería de Criptoactivos de Venezuela S.A.	Tareck El Aissami	12/02/2019	41.584		
Superintendent	Superintendency of Cryptoassets	Nicolás Maduro Moros	19/06/2018	41.422	Delcy Eloina Rodríguez	Tareck El Aissami
Vice Minister of Industrial Development	Ministry of the People’s Power for Industries and National Production	Nicolás Maduro Moros	19/06/2018	41.422		
Member	Representative of the Council of Vice Presidents at the Council of Ministers in the Evaluation and Merit Committee to fill vacancies at the Central Bank of Venezuela.	Asamblea Nacional Constituyente, presidida por Diosdado Cabello Rondón	26/06/2018	41.427		
General Director of the Office of the Ministry	Ministry of the People’s Power for Industries and National Production	Tareck El Aissami	27/06/2018	41.428		
Chairman	Fundación Patria	Nicolás Maduro Moros	24/01/2018	41.327	Tareck El Aissami	

30 U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) De La Trinidad Ramírez Camacho, Joselit. <https://www.ice.gov/es/los-mas-buscados-por-ice/de-la-trinidad-ramirez-camacho-joselit>



10. Odoardo José Bordones Hernández.

Military officer arrested. Officer at the Vice-Presidency of Commerce and Supply of PDVSA. Graduated from the Army Military Academy in 2015, eight in his class (“José Félix Ribas II”).³¹

11. Rajiv Alberto Mosqueda Fregona.

Military officer arrested. Appointed Intendant of Digital Mining and Associated Processes of Tesorería de Criptoactivos de Venezuela S.A., by Joselit de la Trinidad Ramírez Camacho on August 21, 2018, through Official Gazette number 41.464. He holds the rank of lieutenant of the Army, graduated from the Military Academy in 2007, last (194th) in his class called “February 4, 1992.”³²

In January 2011, he was indicted for the crimes of Criminal Conspiracy and attempted Extortion, due to a complaint of extortion of a merchant who was seeking the assignment of US dollars from the National Commission

for the Administration of Foreign Currency (CADIVI) through an administrator, who ended up accusing him and other military personnel as his contacts at CADIVI.³³ His case was later dismissed.

12. Renny Gerardo Barrientos. Detenido.

Arrested. Officer at the Intendency of Digital Mining and Associated Processes. He is a military officer with the rank of first sergeant major of the Bolivarian National Guard³⁴.

13. Yamil Alejandro Martínez Núñez.

Military officer arrested. Officer at the Vice-Presidency of Commerce and Supply of PDVSA. He was stationed at the General Command of Aviation as permanent crew member of continental and intercontinental flights throughout 2007.³⁵

Since 2007 Martínez Núñez has held at least 4 public positions, two of which he was appointed by **Tareck El Aissami**, and another by Raúl Isaías Baduel.

POSITIONS HELD BY YAMIL ALEJANDRO MARTÍNEZ NÚÑEZ

Position	Agency/Body	Appointed by	Date	Gazette
Employee of the Vice-Presidency of Trade and Supply of PDVSA, with responsibility for contracting operations, trade, loading and transportation of crude oil abroad.	PDVSA			
Permanent Crewmember on the different flights scheduled to Central and South America, Antilles, Europe, Asia, Africa and Oceania, during 2007	Ministry of the People’s Power for Defense	Raúl Isaías Baduel	11/06/2007	38.702
Alternate Director of the Board of Directors	Corporación Socialista Del Cemento, S.A.	Tareck El Aissami	19/10/2018	41.506
Alternate Director of the Board of Directors	Corporación Socialista del Sector Automotor, C.A. (Corsoauto)	Tareck El Aissami	21/02/2019	41.591

31 Runrunes. El ala verde de la #PurgaMadurista: los militares detenidos por el escándalo de Pdvsa <https://runrun.es/rr-es-plus/498590/el-ala-verde-de-la-purgamadurista-los-militares-detenido-por-el-escandalo-de-pdvsa/> 01/04/2023.

32 Ídem

33 TSJ. Decisiones <http://caracas.tsj.gob.ve/DECISIONES/2014/ABRIL/60-10-2C8046-11-2C8046-11.HTML>

34 Runrunes. El ala verde de la #PurgaMadurista: los militares detenidos por el escándalo de Pdvsa <https://runrun.es/rr-es-plus/498590/el-ala-verde-de-la-purgamadurista-los-militares-detenido-por-el-escandalo-de-pdvsa/> 01/04/2023.

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14. Ysmel Romer Serrano Flórez.

Former Vice President of Supply and Commercialization of PDVSA.

Serrano Flórez studied with former Minister of Petroleum Tareck El Aissami at the Universidad de los Andes (ULA), where they began their long friendship and made the connections that led him to high positions. Together with El Aissami, he was part of the team that former President Hugo Chávez appointed to restructure the former National

Office of Identification and Foreigners (ONIDEX), today known as SAIME³⁶.

Since 2008, he has held at least 13 public positions, for six of which he was appointed by **José David Cabello Rondón**, three by **Tareck El Aissami**, three by **Nicolás Maduro**, and one by Ramón Rodríguez Chacín.

Tareck El Aissami also endorsed two of the three Serrano Flórez's appointments made by Nicolás Maduro. Below are the positions he has held:

POSITIONS HELD BY YSMEL ROMER SERRANO FLÓREZ						
Position	Agency/Body	Appointed by	Date	Gazette	Endorsed by	Endorsed by
Member of the Special Board of Statutory Auditors of trading companies	Ministry of the People's Power for Industries and National Production	Tareck El Aissami	30/01/2020	41.811		
President	Pdv Caribe, S.A.	Tareck El Aissami	09/02/2018	41.339		
Executive Vice President	Pdvsa	Nicolás Maduro Moros	28/11/2017	41.288	Tareck El Aissami	Manuel Salvador Quevedo
	Pdvsa	Nicolás Maduro Moros	29/1/2017	6.284	Tareck El Aissami	
Vice President, Trade and Supply and Internal Manage	Social Protection Fund for Bank Deposits	Nicolás Maduro Moros	16/05/2016	40.904	Aristóbulo Istúriz Almeida	Rodolfo Medina Del Río
President	CVG Internacional, C.A.	José David Cabello Rondón	02/04/2014	40.385		
President	CVG Internacional Filial Europea, S.L.	José David Cabello Rondón	02/04/2014	40.385		
President	CVG Internacional América Inc	José David Cabello Rondón	02/04/2014	40.385	Tareck El Aissami	
President	SENIAT	José David Cabello Rondón	29/01/2013	40.100		
Head of the Maracay Internal Tax Sector of the Regional Internal Tax Management of the Central Region	SENIAT	José David Cabello Rondón	25/04/2012	39.909		
Regional Manager of Internal Taxes of the Los Andes Region	SENIAT	José David Cabello Rondón	12/03/2010	39.344		

36 Quién es Ysmel Serrano, el exvicepresidente de Pdvsa detenido por corrupción <https://efectococuyo.com/politica/quien-es-ysmel-serrano-el-exvicepresidente-de-pdvsa-detenido-por-corrupcion/> 20/04/2023



POSITIONS HELD BY YSMEL ROMER SERRANO FLÓREZ

Position	Agency/Body	Appointed by	Date	Gazette	Endorsed by	Endorsed by
Merida Customs Manager	Minister of the People's Power for Internal Relations and Justice	Tareck El Aissami	26/09/2008	39.025		
General Director of Custody and Inmate Rehabilitation	Minister of the People's Power for Internal Relations and Justice	Ramón Rodríguez Chacín	22/02/2008	38.876		
General Director of Custody and Inmate Rehabilitation						

Businessmen named in the PDVSA-Crypto Scheme



The reports prepared by Transparencia Venezuela reveal that the people named in this scheme established at least 100 companies from 2000 to 2023 in Bahamas, Malta, United Kingdom, Panama, United States, Ecuador, Colombia and Cyprus. At least 56 were created between 2012 and 2022, i.e. during the Maduro administration. A common feature of 10 of these companies is the broad corporate purpose, which allowed them to contract in multiple areas from the sale of office supplies to the provision of oil and mining services.

1. Alejandro Alfredo Londoño Guerrero.

An arrest warrant has been issued against him. He created at least four companies in Venezuela between 2005 and 2011, three

of which are engaged in the food sector and one in the purchase and sale of clothing and footwear.

In three companies, he has partnered with businessmen Afonso López, also named by the Prosecutor General in the PDVSA-Crypto Scheme. Similarly, in three companies he is joined by persons with the surname Londoño.

A company called Asociación Cooperativa La Unión es la Fuerza R.L. signed a contract with the Municipality of Iribarren, and Dicola, C.A. signed contracts with Gas Comunal, Corporación Socialista de Cemento, and PDVSA in 2020, according to information published in the National Register of Contractors.



COMPANIES RELATED TO ALEJANDRO ALFREDO LONDOÑO GUERRERO

Name of company	Date of incorporation	Place	Purpose	Partners/directors	Position
Asociación Cooperativa La Unión Es La Fuerza R.L.	21/01/2011	Lara	Food and basic necessities	Juan Manuel Afonso López	President
				Manuel Ramón Afonso López	Treasurer
				Ángel Manuel Afonso López	Comptroller
				Erick José Chirinos	Deputy Comptroller
				Manuel Fernando Afonso Vargas	Coordinator of Education
				Alejandro Alfredo Londoño Guerrero	Secretary
London, C.A.	15/10/2007	Lara	Purchase and sale of clothing and footwear	Alejandro Alfredo Londoño Guerrero	Vice-president
				Juan José Londoño Guerrero	President
				Detly Zerpa Palacios	Statutory auditor
Productos de Consumo Kemony Prockemony C.A	23/11/2004	Yaracuy	Food	Manuel Ramón Afonso López	Director General
				Juan José Londoño Palacios	President
				Alejandro Alfredo Londoño Guerrero	Vice-president
				Juan José Londoño Guerrero	Executive Director
				Erick José Chirinos	
				José Oscar Londoño Palacio	
Dicola C.A.	01/09/2005	Lara	Food	María Rosa Fernández	Statutory auditor
				Alejandro Alfredo Londoño Guerrero	President
				Juan Manuel Afonso López	Vice-president
				Reina Roymar Reyes Zambrano	Statutory auditor

2. Alejandro José Arroyo Pérez. Arrested. He has incorporated at least nine companies, seven in Venezuela between 2008 and 2020, one in Cyprus in 2018 and another in the United Kingdom in 2018. Three of his companies are engaged in the food sector and the rest in the purchase and sale of medicines, purchase and sale of products made with aluminum, repairs and oil services and hiring of specialized personnel.

He was shareholder and president of Mineros de Guayana soccer team between 2016

and 2018. Shortly after Laydecker Navas was appointed as technical director of that team. Navas is “a former leader of the Sports Institute of Portuguesa state and a self-confessed admirer of Tarek El Aissami.”³⁷

Former partners or directors include: Andrés Torin Maldonado, Carlos Jesús Lomeña Soto Rosa, Emilio Gutiérrez Oropeza, Manuel Octavio Chacín Alfaro, Mauro José Medina Zambrano, Natalia Mercedes Quessep Ripoll and Orlando Tulio Faroh Cano.

37 Runrunes. #PurgaMadurista | Estas son las compañías al mando de los empresarios detenidos <https://runrun.es/rr-es-plus/499668/empresarios-purgamadurista-companias-al-mando-de-los-empresarios-detenidos/>. 18/04/2023

Ipys. Mineros de Guayana. De patrimonio regional a caja chica de la gobernación de Bolívar. <https://ipysvenezuela.org/periodismo-para-revelar-lo-oculto/mineros-de-guayana-de-patrimonio-regional-a-caja-chica-de-la-gobernacion-de-bolivar/>



COMPANIES RELATED TO ALEJANDRO JOSÉ ARROYO PÉREZ

Name of company		Date of incorporation	Place	Purpose	Partners/Directors	Positions
Agroindustrias Oriente, C. A.	Venezuela	16/06/2020	Miranda	Hiring of trained personnel	Alejandro José Arroyo Pérez	Director
	Venezuela				Emilio Gutiérrez Oropeza	Director
	Venezuela				Aris Maris Marcano Veraza	Statutory auditor
Aluminios El Turpial, C. A.	Venezuela	06/04/2016	Miranda	Purchase and sale of aluminum products	Alejandro José Arroyo Pérez	President
	Venezuela				Andrés Torin Maldonado	
	Venezuela				Lorena Alejandra Rivas Messuti	Statutory auditor
Torrent Alimentos, C. A.	Venezuela	03/08/2015	Distrito Capital	Purchase and sale of food	Alejandro José Arroyo Pérez	President
	Venezuela				Aris Maris Marcano Veraza	Statutory auditor
Petrovalvulas De Venezuela, C.A.	Venezuela	16/06/2008	Zulia	Oilfield repair and services	Alejandro José Arroyo Pérez	President
	Venezuela				Manuel Octavio Chacín Alfaro	
	Venezuela				Adriana Coromoto Zambrano Contreras	Statutory auditor
Importadora Majagua Costa A Costa C.A	Venezuela	20/04/2012	Distrito Capital	Purchase and sale of food	Carlos Jesús Lomeña Soto Rosa	Administrative Director
	Venezuela				Alejandro José Arroyo Pérez	President
	Venezuela				Lorena Alejandra Rivas Messuti	Statutory auditor
Medica Roger, C.A.	Venezuela	30/12/2015	Distrito Capital	Purchase and sale of medicine and medical equipment	Alejandro José Arroyo Pérez	President
	Venezuela				Natalia Mercedes Quessep Ripoll	
	Venezuela				Lorena Alejandra Rivas Messuti	Statutory auditor
Oriente Industries, C.A	Venezuela	06/11/2018	Distrito Capital	Purchase and sale of food	Orlando Tulio Faroh Cano	Director General
	Venezuela				Mauro José Medina Zambrano	Director General
	Venezuela				Alejandro José Arroyo Pérez	Person of contact
	Venezuela				Aris Maris Marcano Veraza	Statutory auditor
Kronos Commodities LTD ³⁸	Reino Unido	20/8/2018	Reino Unido		Alejandro José Arroyo Pérez	Director
Bluewolf Trading Ltd	Cyprus	11/05/2018			Alejandro José Arroyo Pérez	

38 <https://find-and-update.company-information.service.gov.uk/officers/LieWZaFZ8mMjZQ3kzMP7LmlyLFY/appointments>



3. Álvaro Enrique Pulido Vargas (Germán Rubio). Arrested

Colombian national known for being an associate of Alex Saab, arrested in the United States. He incorporated at least six companies under his name, three in Panama between 2009 and 2011, two in Ecuador in 2012 and one in Malta. In these companies, four people are listed as his partners: Assaf Tarek Salim Perozo, Gabriel Andrés Penaherrera Romero, Héctor Eduardo Bermúdez Mora and Jorge Enrique Saltos Michilena.

However, media outlets link him to dozens of companies in which his name is not listed. The news site Armando.info reported that both Pulido and Saab secured a USD 100 million contract to build the “vertical gyms”³⁹; they benefited from the exchange system with several companies established in Hong Kong and controlled by the sons of Álvaro Pulido;⁴⁰ they handled hundreds of millions of dollars for the supply of CLAP,⁴¹ they were responsible for the loss of USD 1.5 billion for transactions related to the sale of Venezuelan crude oil, in which 19 ghost companies were used.⁴²

Emmanuel Rubio, son of Álvaro Pulido, is also allegedly related to more than seven

companies in Colombia, Panama, the U.S., Mexico and China, such as the Mexican company Group Grand Limited, linked to the CLAPs and the company Global Foods Trading, which, according to a journalistic investigation, sold overpriced raw materials to the Venezuelan government.⁴³

Pulido Vargas (Germán Rubio) is named in at least 5 investigations carried out by the authorities of the United States, Ecuador, Mexico and Switzerland,⁴² in which the name Alex Saab also comes up. In these investigations, the public money involved exceeds USD 2 billion. The cases reportedly impacted sectors such as food and housing.

U.S. authorities are offering a USD 10 million reward for anyone who provides information leading to the arrest of Pulido Vargas, who is accused of money laundering in connection with a bribery scheme.

Pulido Vargas has been sanctioned for corruption in the United States (2019), with a ban on U.S. persons to conduct business with him, and in the United Kingdom (2021), with freezing of assets and funds in both countries, as well as a ban on entry into the United Kingdom.

39 <https://armando.info/del-fraude-de-los-gimnasios-verticales-salio-una-dupla-con-los-negocios-en-forma/>

40 <https://armando.info/las-apuestas-arregladas-para-llevarse-los-dolares-baratos-de-venezuela/>

41 <https://armando.info/las-cajas-clap-engordan-sin-descanso-la-caja-registradora-de-group-grand-limited/>

42 <https://storage.googleapis.com/curium/armando.info/alex-saab-y-alvaro-pulido-tambien-dejaron-un-mono-en-pdvs.html>

43 <https://armando.info/la-precuela-de-los-clap-tambien-fue-negocio-para-saab-y-pulido/>

44 <https://transparenciave.org/alvaro-pulido-un-hombre-conocido-casos-corrupcion/>



COMPANIES RELATED TO ÁLVARO ENRIQUE PULIDO VARGAS (GERMÁN RUBIO)

Name of company	Country	Date of incorporation	Partners/Directors	Positions
Fgdc Malta Holdings Limited	Malta		Álvaro Enrique Pulido Vargas	
	Malta		Fgdc Latam 2012 Sl.	
	Malta		Álvaro Enrique Pulido Vargas	
	Malta		Gordon Mifsud	
Clio Management Corp.	Panamá	17/01/2011	Elisa Edghill	Subscriber
	Panamá		Gabriel Choy	Subscriber
Fondo Global De Construcción S.A. Foglocons	Ecuador	11/10/2012	Álvaro Enrique Pulido Vargas	
	Ecuador		Fondo Global Petrolero S.L.	Was shareholder
	Ecuador		Jorge Enrique Saltos Michilena	General Manager
	Ecuador		Álvaro Enrique Pulido Vargas	Shareholder
	Ecuador		Grupo Fgdc Latinoamericana, Sociedad Limitada	Shareholder
	Ecuador		Gabriel Andrés Pena Herrera Romero	Was legal representative
Constructora Jaar S.A. Consjarser	Ecuador	20/09/2012	Álvaro Enrique Pulido Vargas	Founder
Fondo Agroindustrial De Alimentos (Fagrinal), S.A.	Panamá	04/08/2009	Álvaro Enrique Pulido Vargas	Director
	Panamá		Assaf Tarek Salim Perozo	Director
	Panamá		Casas & López Fábrega	Agent
	Panamá		Erick González	Subscriber
	Panamá		Héctor Eduardo Bermúdez Mora	President
	Panamá		Liza Aizpurua	Subscriber
Drogueria Distribuidora De Productos Médicos (Dipromedi), S.A.	Panamá	05/08/2009	Álvaro Enrique Pulido Vargas	Director
	Panamá		Assaf Tarek Salim Perozo	Director
	Panamá		Casas & López Fábrega	Agent
	Panamá		Erick González	Subscriber
	Panamá		Héctor Eduardo Bermúdez Mora	President
	Panamá		Héctor Eduardo Bermúdez Mora	Director
	Panamá		Liza Aizprua	Subscriber

4. Fernando José Bermúdez Ramos. Fugitive in Spain. His name is listed as associated with at least seven companies, four established in Venezuela between 2012 and 2017 and three in Panama between 2009 and 2014.

Its companies have diverse purposes, ranging from the purchase and sale of electronic equipment, construction, food, livestock, agricultural and fishing industries.

Eight names are mentioned among the shareholders and directors of the companies created: Amir Nassar Tayupe, Fe Maiglène



De La Coromoto Gómez, José Ángel Moreno Molina, José Enrique Cachutt D’Sola, José Javier Saldaña García, María Fernanda Bermúdez De Cardoso, Mariano Díaz and Roberto Anderson Cardoso Gouveia.

In September 2014, he incorporated in Panama the company Global Foods Trading, together with Amir Nassar Tayupe, Alex Saab’s lawyer in Caracas.

According to a report by ArmandoInfo, Global Foods Trading signed a contract with Corpovex for the supply of 90,000 tons of yellow corn, just 18 days after Emmanuel Rubio (son of Germán Rubio, Álvaro Pulido Vargas’s initial name) submitted the bid. For Corpovex, the agreement was signed by Roselys Teresa Riveros Colmenares, who between 2008 and

2014 held positions in state-owned food importing companies.⁴⁵

Global Foods Trading invoiced each ton of yellow corn at USD 357 for a total of USD 32.1 million. That price was 137 dollars higher than the 220 dollars per ton paid to Ecosur, a Panamanian company owned by Roberto Pocaterra, Tulio Hinestrosa and Fabio Méndez, Venezuelan businessmen owners of several firms engaged in the sale of food products such as Mercoamérica, in Venezuela, and others in Panama that surfaced in the investigation into the so-called Panama Papers.⁴⁶

The report also mentioned that Global Foods Trading secured at least three other contracts with the Maduro administration for the sale of wheat, crude soybean oil and paddy rice.

COMPANIES RELATED TO FERNANDO JOSÉ BERMÚDEZ RAMOS

Name of company	Country	Date of incorporation	Place	Purpose	Partners/Directors	Positions
Corporación FBR de Construcción, C.A	Venezuela	21/12/2012	Miranda	Construction	Fernando José Bermúdez Ramos	President
	Venezuela				Roberto Anderson Cardoso Gouveia	Vice-president
	Venezuela				María Del Valle Aponte Silva	Statutory auditor
Corporación FBR de Electrónica, C.A	Venezuela	10/12/2012	Miranda	Purchase and sale of electronic equipment	Fernando José Bermúdez Ramos	President
	Venezuela				Roberto Anderson Cardoso Gouveia	Vice-president
	Venezuela				María Del Valle Aponte Silva	Statutory auditor
Corporación Fbr de Alimentos, C.A.	Venezuela	11/12/2012	Miranda	Livestock, agriculture and fishing industry	Fernando José Bermúdez Ramos	President
F B Foods Llc, C.A.	Venezuela	22/02/2017	Miranda	Food	Fernando José Bermúdez Ramos	Vice-President
	Venezuela				José Enrique Cachutt D´Sola	President
	Venezuela				Ascer Velásquez	Statutory auditor
Corporación Fbr26, S.A.	Panamá	20/11/2012			Davis Arrocha Medina	Subscriber

45 <https://armando.info/la-precuela-de-los-clap-tambien-fue-negocio-para-saab-y-pulido/>

46 <https://armando.info/la-precuela-de-los-clap-tambien-fue-negocio-para-saab-y-pulido/>



COMPANIES RELATED TO FERNANDO JOSÉ BERMÚDEZ RAMOS

Name of company	Country	Date of incorporation	Place	Purpose	Partners/Directors	Positions
	Panamá				Fe Maiglene De La Coromoto Gómez	Director
	Panamá				Fernando José Bermúdez Ramos	President
	Panamá				Isca Grajales Castillo	Subscriber
	Panamá				María Fernanda Bermúdez De Cardoso	Treasurer
Inversiones Ibérica 2009, S.A.	Panamá	09/10/2009			Anzola Robles & Asociados	Agent
	Panamá				Fernando José Bermúdez Ramos	President
	Panamá				Geidy Angulo Salsavilla	Subscriber
	Panamá				Isca Grajales Castillo	Subscriber
	Panamá				José Ángel Moreno Molina	Director
	Panamá				Mariano Díaz	Vice-president
Global Foods Trading, S.A.	Panamá	12/09/2014			Amir Nassar Tayupe	Director
	Panamá				De La Fuente & Saldaña, Abogados (Delasa)	Agent
	Panamá				Fernando José Bermúdez Ramos	President
	Panamá				José Javier Saldaña García	Director
	Panamá				María Micaela García De La Lastra	Subscriber

5. **Bernardo Andrés Arosio Hobaica.**

He owns at least 26 companies, 11 in Venezuela created between 2002 and 2018, six in Barbados, five in the United States created between 2011 and 2019, three in the Dominican Republic incorporated between 2012 and 2019, and one in Panama established in 2010.

Its companies have diverse purposes, ranging from surveillance, engineering and metal services, financial advisory, construction, oil marketing, gas exports and even fish farming, agriculture and livestock.

In these companies, 26 names are mentioned as shareholders, directors, representatives and secretaries, three of which with the surname Arosio: John Arosio Maal, Mariela Arosio Maal and Tadeo José Arosio Hobaica.

According to an investigation by ArmandoInfo, brothers Bernardo and Tadeo Arosio Hobaica are the owners of one of the eight structures built at the end of the airstrip on Gran Roque Island, in the Los Roques archipelago. They are also building high-end real estate, including a hotel, in the Venezuelan capital.⁴⁷

47 <https://armando.info/la-de-los-roques-es-apenas-una-pieza-de-este-emporio/>



The company ATB Constructores is in charge of the construction of various residential and business towers in different areas of Caracas, such as Los Palos Grandes, La Castellana, Las Mercedes as well as B&Bs in Galipán, on the well-known El Ávila national park.⁴⁸

Bernardo Arosio is the majority shareholder of Prodata Energy, a company chosen by PDVSA to export Venezuelan gas to Colombia. In November 2022, Bloomberg reported that

Prodata Energy had been awarded a 30-year contract from PDVSA to send to a Colombian distributor, Energy Transitions, 25 million cubic feet of natural gas per day through the Antonio Ricaurte pipeline.⁴⁹

ArmandoInfo also reported Arosio Hobaica's link with Walker International Dw-Llc, an intermediary of PDVSA in the trading of Venezuelan crude oil in international markets.

COMPANIES RELATED TO BERNARDO ANDRÉS AROSIO HOBAICA

Name of company	Country	Date of incorporation	Place	Purpose	Partners/Directors	Positions
Protection y Vigilancia Coding Alpha, C.A.	Venezuela	16/12/2002	Miranda	Surveillance	Tadeo José Arosio Hobaica	Director
	Venezuela				Soraya Josefina Hobaica Rangel	
	Venezuela				Mariela Arosio Maal	
	Venezuela				Bernardo Andrés Arosio Hobaica	Director
Tab Metalmeccanica, C.A.	Venezuela	30/07/2015	Miranda	Engineering and metallurgy	Raquel Presas Herrera	Statutory auditor
	Venezuela				Tadeo José Arosio Hobaica	Director
	Venezuela				Beatriz Del Rosario Rueda Beltrán	Alternate
	Venezuela				Ricardo Ernesto Cattabriga León	Alternate
	Venezuela				Mariela Arosio Maal	Director
Grupo Hotelero 88, C.A.	Venezuela				Bernardo Andrés Arosio Hobaica	Legal Representative
	Venezuela				Ivette Coromoto Orta Ramírez	Statutory auditor
	Venezuela				Bernardo Andrés Arosio Hobaica	Legal Representative
Lagocorp, C.A	Venezuela	02/02/2011	Zulia	Fish Farming, Agriculture and Livestock	Bernardo Andrés Arosio Hobaica	Legal Representative
	Venezuela				Miguel Alberto Alvarado Romero	President
	Venezuela				Bernardo Andrés Arosio Hobaica	Vice-president
Consultora Alca, C.A.	Venezuela				Alvis Martínez Daza	Statutory auditor
	Venezuela	16/02/2018	Miranda	Financial advisory services	Alejandro José Ron Mora	Director

48 <https://runrun.es/rr-es-plus/499668/empresarios-purgamadurista-companias-al-mando-de-los-empresarios-detenidos/>

49 <https://armando.info/la-larga-tuberia-que-conduce-de-unos-empresarios-a-ellos-mismos/>



COMPANIES RELATED TO BERNARDO ANDRÉS AROSIO HOBAICA

Name of company	Country	Date of incorporation	Place	Purpose	Partners/Directors	Positions
	Venezuela				Bernardo Andrés Arosio Hobaica	Director
	Venezuela				Jesús Manuel Sánchez Valero	Director
	Venezuela				María Fernanda Pulido Ramírez	Statutory auditor
Financial Engineering Advisors Bogota Sas	Venezuela		Bogotá		Elsa Yamile Moreno De Vela	Statutory auditor
	Venezuela				Reinaldo Andrés Lainville Tirado	Legal Representative 1st Alternate
	Venezuela				Bernardo Andrés Arosio Hobaica	Legal Representative
Atb Constructores A	Venezuela	25/08/2010	Miranda	Construction	Bernardo Andrés Arosio Hobaica	Employee
	Venezuela				Mariela Arosio Maal	Director/CEO
	Venezuela				María Aida Lamus Valero	Director
	Venezuela				Grupo Royal, C.A.	
	Venezuela				Ivette Coromoto Orta Ramírez	Statutory auditor
	Venezuela					
Atb Operaciones Hoteleras C A	Venezuela				Tadeo José Arosio Hobaica	Legal Representative
Atb Consultores	Venezuela					
Atb Materiales Y Suministros	Venezuela					
Atb Holdings Inc.	Panamá	14/05/2010			Alfaro, Ferrer & Ramírez	Agent
	Panamá				Bernardo Andrés Arosio Hobaica	President
	Panamá				Brunilda Gabriela Broce	Subscriber
	Panamá				Camilo Andrés Méndez Chong	Subscriber
	Panamá				John Arosio	Director
	Panamá				Tadeo José Arosio Hobaica	Director
Amb Enclave Investment Llc	EEUU	22/01/2018	Florida		Alejandro A Moncada Hobaica	
	EEUU				Bernardo Andrés Arosio Hobaica	
	EEUU				Carlos E Bernoti Najjar	
	EEUU				Rodolfo Consuegra Álvarez	Agent
	EEUU				Tadeo José Arosio Hobaica	
Gold Bean	República Dominicana	21/03/2012			Bernardo Andrés Arosio Hobaica	
	República Dominicana				Domingo Suzaña Abreu	Administrator



COMPANIES RELATED TO BERNARDO ANDRÉS AROSIO HOBAICA

Name of company	Country	Date of incorporation	Place	Purpose	Partners/Directors	Positions
Theminis Investment Llc	EEUU	27/10/2014	Florida		Clarisse Da Costa E Silva Car	Agent
	EEUU				Reinaldo Ramírez Pérez	
	EEUU				Tadeo José Arosio Hobaica	
Atb Constructores Rd	República Dominicana	01/07/2019			Sarahy Del Rosario García García	Administrator
	República Dominicana				Tadeo José Arosio Hobaica	
Arosio Constructing Group	República Dominicana	09/08/2019			Sarahy Del Rosario García García	Administrator
	República Dominicana				Tadeo José Arosio Hobaica	
Mia 0011 Investments Corp	EEUU	27/01/2011	Florida		Bernardo Andrés Arosio Hobaica	President
	EEUU				Jsh Register Agent Services Inc	Agent
Tango Bravo Air Services Corp	EEUU	01/04/2019	Florida		Anelvina Méndez	Director
	EEUU				Bernardo Andrés Arosio Hobaica	Director
	EEUU				Tadeo José Arosio Hobaica	Director
	EEUU				True Vision Services Corp	Agent
Financial Engineering Advisors Corp	Barbados				Bernardo Andrés Arosio Hobaica	Director
	Barbados				Carlos Gustavo Yanez De Dominicis	Director
	Barbados				Bdc Inc	Director
	Barbados				Services Amicorp Corporate	Secretary
Financial Engineering Advisors 2 Corp	Barbados				Bernardo Andrés Arosio Hobaica	Director
	Barbados				Carlos Gustavo Yanez De Dominicis	Director
	Barbados				Services Amicorp Corporate	Secretary
	Barbados				Tadeo José Arosio Hobaica	Director
Hoteles El Mirador Limited	Barbados				Bernardo Andrés Arosio Hobaica	Director
	Barbados				Guardian Nominees Limited	Director
	Barbados				John Arosio Maal	Director
	Barbados				Trident Corporate Service Limited	Secretary
	Barbados				Tadeo José Arosio Hobaica	Director
Bdc Investment Inc	Barbados				Bernardo Andrés Arosio Hobaica	Director
	Barbados				Daniel Yanjos Ave Gil	Director



COMPANIES RELATED TO BERNARDO ANDRÉS AROSIO HOBAICA

Name of company	Country	Date of incorporation	Place	Purpose	Partners/Directors	Positions
	Barbados				Werner Alberto Braschi Behrens	Director
Gold Elephant Corporation	Barbados				John Arosio Maal	
	Barbados				Tadeo José Arosio Hobaica	
	Barbados				Bernardo Andrés Arosio Hobaica	
World Fashion Group Ltd	Barbados				Bernardo Andrés Arosio Hobaica	Director
	Barbados				Rodolfo Rangel Ojeda	Director
	Barbados				Ivan F.L. Simona	Director
	Barbados				María Fernanda Vera León	Director
	Barbados				Chancery Corporate Services Limited	Secretary
The Enclave Lot 10 Llc	EEUU	31/05/2018	Florida		Alejandro Moncada	
	EEUU				Bernardo Andrés Arosio Hobaica	
	EEUU				Jsh Register Agent Services Inc	Agent
	EEUU				Tadeo José Arosio Hobaica	

6. Daniel Ricardo Prieto Prieto. Arrested. Alleged Business Manager of Congressman Hugbel Roa Carucci.⁵⁰ Daniel Prieto owns at least four companies in Venezuela, established between 2002 and 2017.

The companies incorporated by Pietro are engaged in the oil, tourism and real estate sectors, and the fourth company focuses on the purchase and sale of industrial machinery and equipment.

In these companies, three names are listed as shareholders and directors: Diana Carolina De Oliveira Rivas, José Ytalo Prieto Prieto and Williams Benjamin Alicastro Prieto.

According to media reports, Prieto was captured in the Dominican Republic, after a warning from Venezuelan authorities restricted his entry to that country.⁵¹

A government-aligned digital media outlet published images of Daniel Ricardo Prieto’s properties. Prieto is reportedly listed in the Florida registry as the owner of a residence in a housing development in Lake Worth, a city located in Palm Beach County, in the Miami area. The property was purchased in 2021 for USD 313,000.⁵²

50 <https://www.semana.com/mundo/articulo/escandalo-de-pdvsa-asi-es-la-mansion-de-uno-de-los-capturados-por-corrupcion-la-purga-no-se-detiene/202355/>

51 <https://www.lapatilla.com/2023/04/05/la-extravagante-propiedad-de-uno-de-los-empresarios-implicados-en-la-corrupcion-de-pdvsa-fotos/>

52 <https://twitter.com/latablablog/status/1642310709068419073>



COMPANIES RELATED TO DANIEL RICARDO PRIETO PRIETO

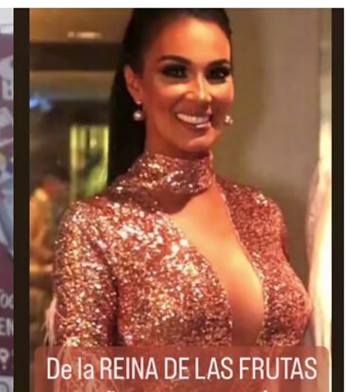
Name of company	Date of incorporation	Place	Purpose	Partners/Directors	Positions
Hoteles Construservi, C.A.	13/05/2005	Anzoátegui	Hospitality	Daniel Ricardo Prieto Prieto	Vice-President
				José Ytalo Prieto Prieto	President
				Pedro Presilla	Statutory auditor
Servicios Suministros y Construcciones Cpc, C.A.	15/11/2012	Anzoátegui	Purchase and sale of industrial machinery and equipment	Williams Benjamin Alicastro Prieto	Vice President
				Daniel Ricardo Prieto Prieto	President
				Karelys Margarita García Hernández	Statutory auditor
Comercializadora Drp Global, C.A.	01/11/2017	Miranda	Marketing of real estate and personal property	Daniel Ricardo Prieto Prieto	President
				Diana Carolina De Oliveira Rivas	
				Andy Velásquez	Statutory auditor
Venezolana de Construcciones Veneconst,C.A	06/06/2014	Anzoátegui	Logistics services, oilfield construction, etc.	José Ytalo Prieto Prieto	President
				Daniel Ricardo Prieto Prieto	Vice- President
				Pedro Presilla	Statutory auditor

7. Johanna Lisseth Torres Ojeda. Arrested.

Known as the “Queen of Fruits”, a self-given nickname on a huge billboard that was up for months on the Francisco Fajardo highway in Caracas, promoting her fruit and vegetable business.⁵³

She is linked to at least six companies in Venezuela, created between 2003 and 2013. Her ex-husband Valmore Jesús Guevara Rivas registered three more companies, two in Venezuela between 2005 and 2007 and a third one in Panama in 2014.

Two of her companies are related to the hydrocarbon sector and the transportation of mining and agricultural products. The



53 <https://runrun.es/rr-es-plus/499668/empresarios-purgamadurista-companias-al-mando-de-los-empresarios-detenidos/>



remaining companies have very diverse purposes. For example, Asociación Cooperativa La Región 82468, RL, has the following purpose:

"To meet our common economic, social and cultural needs and aspirations, seeking general personal and collective welfare through the associated work, self-organization and development of a jointly owned, democratically managed and controlled, open and flexible company, governed by the principles of cooperation and the values of transparency, responsibility, honesty and commitment, in relation to the processing and distribution of **food** in all its states of import and export, packaging and storage, **mobile vending in networks**, purchase and sale of **supplies and surgical material for hospitals and laboratories, transportation** of people, transportation of equipment, supplies, air and maritime transportation, customs and shipping agency, general warehouse or temporary bonded warehouses, exports and imports of agricultural, fishing, forestry and faustic services, supply of workers, technicians and specialized professionals, as well as waterproofing services, constructions, maintenance and services, **architectural projects, urban planning, civil constructions; buildings, sidewalks, gutters, road paving, bridges, aqueducts, drainage, earthworks**, topographical surveys, remodeling of buildings, sports fields, construction in the oil area and all those activities related to the construction of civil works, maintenance of **buildings, masonry, electricity**, plumbing, painting, maintenance and road signs, maintenance of oil areas, vegetation control: digging, pruning, **planting and maintenance of ornamental areas**, irrigation, maintenance of squares, green areas and gardens of all types of works; **cleaning, general and laundry services**, transportation of personnel, supply of **chemical and cleaning products, supply of stationery and office supplies**, computer equipment, including all accessories; supply of equipment and construction materials. **requesting credits from the regional and national government**, public and private companies; developing agreements of any kind with the entities mentioned above; incorporating technical, legal and other personnel necessary for the administrative management of the association and/or branches inside and outside our region; plan, promote, develop comprehensive plans of **cooperative education and technical training** of its associates, as well as to manage the necessary and required financing for the fulfillment of the social purposes; and all the actions that lead to the well-being and economic, emotional and spiritual stability of all the associates and users of our services; as well as all the licit commercial activities related to our purpose and in general all the acts and contracts that are necessary for the attainment of its purpose."



Johanna Torres’s companies signed dozens of contracts with the state-owned company Mercado de Alimentos S.A. (Mercal) and were suppliers of the **School Food Program of Anzoátegui state**, in eastern Venezuela, a government program aimed at feeding school-age children and young people, according to information published in the National Register of Contractors (RNC).

On March 31, 2021, the Public Prosecutor’s Office ordered the arrest of Johanna Torres for money laundering and criminal conspiracy.⁵⁴ Preliminary investigations proved the huge ill-gotten fortune of Johanna Lisseth Torres Ojeda, through a criminal structure composed of front men, lobbyists, female escorts, and intermediaries that helped her receive illicit contracts by PDVSA and the Ministry of Food.⁵⁵

Her ex-husband Valmore Jesús Guevara Rivas was also arrested. At that time, a house in Lechería (Anzoátegui), a restaurant called

“El Patio VIP” in Altamira (Caracas) and 11 vehicles, including a yacht and an airplane, were seized.

The actions were carried out as part of an investigation into the company “Operadora El Patio VIP”, which operates as “Restaurante El Patio VIP”, in the Altamira neighborhood in Caracas. Marianyelis Hernández, who worked as a housekeeper for Johana Torres Ojeda, confessed in the Public Prosecutor’s Office that she was forced by Torres to sign a document where she appears as the owner of the company, so that the businesswoman could cover up her involvement.⁵⁶

On social media, Johana Lisseth Torres Ojeda posted pictures of a life of luxury, with private jets, trips and her apartment in Dubai, in the United Arab Emirates. In one of her videos she claimed that she was already an Emirati citizen, while filming the luxurious property in which she lived, she even showed a briefcase with at least 15 gold bars.

COMPANIES RELATED TO JOHANA LISSETH TORRES OJEDA

Name of company	Country	Date of incorporation	Place	Purpose	Partners/Directors	Positions
Asociación Cooperativa La Región 82468, RI	Venezuela	11/08/2005	Anzoátegui	Diverso	Lusmila Leticia Ojeda	Comptroller
	Venezuela				Johanna Lisseth Torres Ojeda	President
	Venezuela				Andrés Eduardo Maldonado Zambrano	Treasurer
	Venezuela				Marlín Del Rosario Ojeda	Coord. of Education
	Venezuela				Marianyelis Hernández Granadillo	Secretary
Suplidores Del Caribe, C.A.	Venezuela	15/02/2013	Anzoátegui	Petróleo	Valmore Jesús Guevara Rivas	Director
	Venezuela				Johanna Lisseth Torres Ojeda	Director
	Venezuela				Verónica Joan Silva Castillo	Statutory auditor

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COMPANIES RELATED TO JOHANA LISSETH TORRES OJEDA

Name of company	Country	Date of incorporation	Place	Purpose	Partners/Directors	Positions
Suplibarbara, C.A.	Venezuela	15/02/2013	Anzoátegui		Roberto Antonio Rosales Arrieta	Director
	Venezuela				Johana Lisseth Torres Ojeda	Director
	Venezuela				Isabel Justina Oliviero Peña	Statutory auditor
Cooperativa Alto Apure 2021, R.L.	Venezuela	08/09/2005	Anzoátegui		Johana Lisseth Torres Ojeda	President
	Venezuela				Diógenes Regis Rodríguez Marcano	Secretary
	Venezuela				Ana Rosa Rodríguez Mariño	Treasurer
	Venezuela				José Luis Quiaro	Comptroller
Transport And Services Marítimos Giovalca, C.A	Venezuela	09/06/2003	Anzoátegui	Transporte de productos mineros y agrícolas	Valmore Jesús Guevara Rivas	President
	Venezuela				Johana Lisseth Torres Ojeda	Vice President
	Venezuela				Francisco Chinchilla	
Titanium Services Corp.	Panamá	02/04/2014			Douglas Antonio Fernández Matos	Director
	Panamá				Manuel Antonio Silva Jaramillo	Director
	Panamá				Maryorie Batista Rivas	Subscriber
	Panamá				Mervin Enrique Ordoñez Machado	Subscriber
	Panamá				Mirta Mojica De Quintero	Subscriber
	Panamá				Panamá Offshore Legal Services (Pols)	Agent
Cooperativa Granos De Maíz 6521, R.L.	Panamá				Valmore Jesús Guevara Rivas	President
	Venezuela	14/09/2005	Anzoátegui	Diverso	Elba Luz Guevara De Rojas	Comptroller
	Venezuela				Valmore Jesús Guevara Rivas	President
	Venezuela				Lisbardo Rafael La Rosa Sánchez	Treasurer
	Venezuela				Néstor Cipriano Rojas Guevara	Secretary
Asociación Cooperativa El Gran Prestigio, R.L.	Venezuela				Blanca Ofelia Trías De Guevara	Coordinator
	Venezuela	13/09/2007	Portuguesa		Adriana Elena Mac Lellan Bermúdez	Treasurer
	Venezuela				José Vicente Torres Guerra	President
	Venezuela				María Nicolasa Falcón Segovia	Education
	Venezuela				Lusmila Leticia Ojeda	Secretary
Asociación de Cooperativa Rico Sabor 579 RI	Venezuela				Valmore Jesús Guevara Rivas	Comptroller
	Venezuela	06/01/2005	Anzoátegui	Diversos	Johana Lisseth Torres Ojeda	President
	Venezuela				Mary Yolanda Azuaje	Secretary
	Venezuela				Andrés Alejandro Gaspard	Treasurer
	Venezuela				Valmore Jesús Guevara Rivas	Comptroller of the Eval. Committee
	Venezuela				Galys Carolina Misri	Coordinator of Education



8. José Luis Ferrándiz Laya. An arrest warrant has been issued against him.

Ferrándiz Laya incorporated at least three companies, two in Venezuela, between 2009 and 2012, and one in Panama in 2018.

One of his companies in Venezuela is in the hydrocarbon and petrochemical industry, the other has a broad and diverse scope.

In these companies, five names are listed as shareholders, directors and coordinators:

Javier Eduardo Saldaña García, Rene Roberto Rueda Beltrán, Ricardo Jesús Lozada Andrade, Rodolfo José Vargas and Carlos Alberto Pernía Rodríguez. Several of their partners have incorporated other companies in Panama.

The company Servicios Integrales de Distribución, C.A. entered into a contract with the Government of the State of Merida in 2016 for the distribution of food for events, according to information found in the National Register of Contractors.

COMPANIES RELATED TO JOSÉ LUIS FERRÁNDIZ LAYA

Name of company	Country	Date of incorporation	Place	Purpose	Partners/Directors	Positions
Servicios Integrales de Distribución, C.A	Venezuela	30/01/2009	Mérida	Various	José Luis Ferrandiz Laya	Director
	Venezuela				Kelmary Carolina Vera Pérez	Statutory auditor
Asociación Cooperativa La Roca 2012, RI	Venezuela	20/06/2012	Mérida	Hydrocarbons and Petrochemicals	José Luis Ferrandiz Laya	Treasurer
	Venezuela				Carlos Alberto Pernía Rodríguez	Coordinator of Education
	Venezuela				Yumar Josefina León Osuna	Internal Comptroller
	Venezuela				Ricardo Jesús Lozada Andrade	Secretary
	Venezuela				Rodolfo José Vargas	General Coordinator
International Production Engineering, Corp.	Panamá	18/09/2018			De La Fuente & Saldaña Abogados (Delasa)	Agent
	Panamá				Javier Eduardo Saldaña García	Director
	Panamá				José Javier Saldaña García	Subscriber
	Panamá				José Luis Ferrandiz Laya	President
	Panamá				María Micaela García De La Lastra	Subscriber
Panamá				Rene Roberto Rueda Beltrán	Director	



9. Juan Manuel Afonso López y Manuel Ramón Afonso López. Arrest warrants issued against them.

The Afonso López brothers have incorporated at least 11 companies, nine in Venezuela, between 2004 and 2022, and two in Panama in 2012 and 2019.

Five of the companies established in Venezuela are in the food sector, according to their corporate purpose. The rest is listed as engaged in the purchase and sale of clothing and footwear, and the automotive and construction sectors.

Their companies have signed contracts with the Mayor's Office of the Municipality of Iribarren

to distribute food. Also in 2020, transportation services with Gas Comunal, cement supply with Corporación Socialista de Cemento and gasoline supply with PDVSA, according to information found in the National Registry of Contractors.

Five names are listed as shareholders, directors and coordinators of the companies: Erick José Chirinos, **Alejandro Alfredo Londoño Guerrero, Juan José Londoño Guerrero, Juan José Londoño Palacios, José Oscar Londoño Palacio, Nicolás Mesa, Juan Carlos Mesa Sánchez, Roger Ignacio Ramírez Dorante, Ilse Beatriz Moya León, Jovina Hernández de Bonilla, Gilberto Antonio Fernández Rojas, Maribel Ho Gallardo De Castillo, Olvany Marian Gaspari Bracho, Giovanni Gaspari Heredia.**

COMPANIES RELATED TO JUAN MANUEL AFONSO LÓPEZ Y MANUEL RAMÓN AFONSO LÓPEZ

Name of company	Country	Date of incorporation	Place	Purpose	Partners/Directors	Positions
Asociación Cooperativa La Unión Es La Fuerza R.L.	Venezuela	21/01/2011	Lara	Purchase and sale of food and basic necessities	Juan Manuel Afonso López	President
	Venezuela				Manuel Ramón Afonso López	Treasurer
	Venezuela				Ángel Manuel Afonso López	Comptroller
	Venezuela				Erick José Chirinos	Sub Comptroller
	Venezuela				Manuel Fernando Afonso Vargas	Coordinator of Education
London,C.A	Venezuela	15/10/2007	Lara	Purchase and sale of clothing and footwear	Alejandro Alfredo Londoño Guerrero	Vice-president
	Venezuela				Juan José Londoño Guerrero	President
	Venezuela				Detly Zerpa Palacios	Statutory auditor
Productos De Consumo Kemony Prockemony C.A	Venezuela	23/11/2004	Yaracuy	Food	Manuel Ramón Afonso López	Director General
	Venezuela				Juan José Londoño Palacios	President
	Venezuela				Alejandro Alfredo Londoño Guerrero	Vice-president
	Venezuela				Juan José Londoño Guerrero	Executive Director
	Venezuela				Erick José Chirinos	
Venezuela				José Oscar Londoño Palacio		



COMPANIES RELATED TO JUAN MANUEL AFONSO LÓPEZ Y MANUEL RAMÓN AFONSO LÓPEZ

Name of company	Country	Date of incorporation	Place	Purpose	Partners/Directors	Positions
	Venezuela				María Rosa Fernández	Statutory auditor
Dicola C.A	Venezuela	01/09/2005	Lara	Purchase and sale of frozen products and groceries	Alejandro Alfredo Londoño Guerrero	President
	Venezuela				Juan Manuel Afonso López	Vice-president
	Venezuela				Reina Roymar Reyes Zambrano	Statutory auditor
Dicola Distribuciones, C.A	Venezuela	23/01/2008	Distrito Capital	Purchase and sale of frozen products	Juan Manuel Afonso López	President
	Venezuela				Manuel Ramón Afonso López	Vice-president
Concreto Del Sur	Venezuela	11/10/2018	Lara	Construction	Manuel Ramón Afonso López	Vice-president
	Venezuela				Rogers Ignacio Ramírez Dorante	President
	Venezuela				Néstor Luis Serrano Mendoza	Statutory auditor
Metropolitana De Camiones Ca	Venezuela	01/06/2022	Lara	Automotive	Manuel Ramón Afonso López	President
	Venezuela				Rogers Ignacio Ramírez Dorante	
	Venezuela				Nicolás Mesa	General Manager
	Venezuela				Juan Carlos Mesa Sánchez	Manager of Operations
	Venezuela				Norisnel Crespo	Statutory auditor
Venezolana Distribuidora 2017	Venezuela	06/02/2018	Lara	Automotive	Rogers Ignacio Ramírez Dorante	Director
	Venezuela				Manuel Ramón Afonso López	Director
	Venezuela				Néstor Luis Serrano Mendoza	Statutory auditor
Telocompro, S.A.	Panamá	30/05/2019			Guillermo Villegas	Agent
	Panamá				Ilse Beatriz Moya León	President
	Panamá				Jovina Hernández Concepción	Subscriber
	Panamá				Jovina Hernández De Bonilla	Director
	Panamá				Manuel Ramón Afonso López	Director
	Panamá				Shakira Julian	Subscriber
Texier, S.A.	Panamá	08/02/2012			Génesis De Gracia	Subscriber
	Panamá				Gilberto Antonio Fernández Rojas	Director
	Panamá				Gladys Espinosa	Agent
	Panamá				Lizeth Vergara	Subscriber
	Panamá				Manuel Ramón Afonso López	President
	Panamá				Maribel Ho Gallardo De Castillo	Director
Inversiones Olvany C.A.	Venezuela	06/05/2019	Portuguesa	Food	Olvany Marian Gaspari Bracho	President
	Venezuela				Giovanni Gaspari Heredia	Vice-president
	Venezuela				Yaneidis Vásquez	Statutory auditor



10. Rogers Ignacio Ramírez Dorante.

Arrested

Roger Ignacio Ramírez Dorante is a military officer⁵⁷ graduated from the Military Academy in July 1999, 106th in his class, the same as Antonio José Pérez Suarez.⁵⁸

Ramírez Dorante has incorporated at least six companies, four in Venezuela, between 2013 and 2022, and two in the U.S., established in 2012.

Three of the companies registered in Venezuela are in the construction and

automotive sectors, and the fourth has a broad and diverse purpose.

Two of his companies signed contracts with the state-owned Corporación Socialista de Cemento and the contact person for the state-owned company is Antonio José Pérez Suárez.

Five names are listed among the shareholders, managers and coordinators of the companies: Juan Carlos Mesa Sánchez, Manuel Ramón Afonso López, María D Vásquez Carrasco, Nicolás Mesa and Roswald José Ramírez Dorantes.

COMPANIES RELATED TO ROGERS IGNACIO RAMÍREZ DORANTE

Name of company	Country	Date of incorporation	Place	Purpose	Partners/Directors	Positions
Concreto Del Sur	Venezuela	11/10/2018	Lara	Purpose	Manuel Ramón Afonso López	Vice-president
	Venezuela			Construction	Rogers Ignacio Ramírez Dorante	President
	Venezuela				Néstor Luis Serrano Mendoza	Statutory auditor
Metropolitana De Camiones Ca	Venezuela	01/06/2022	Lara		Manuel Ramón Afonso López	President
	Venezuela			Automotive	Rogers Ignacio Ramírez Dorante	
	Venezuela				Nicolás Mesa	General Manager
	Venezuela				Juan Carlos Mesa Sánchez	Manager of Operations
Venezolana Distribuidora 2017	Venezuela				Norisnel Crespo	Statutory auditor
	Venezuela	06/02/2018	Lara		Rogers Ignacio Ramírez Dorante	Director
	Venezuela			Automotive	Manuel Ramón Afonso López	Director
	Venezuela				Néstor Luis Serrano Mendoza	Statutory auditor
Transervi R&G, C.A.	Venezuela	20/11/2013	Lara		Rogers Ignacio Ramírez Dorante	President
	Venezuela			Various	Roswald José Ramírez Dorantes	Vice-president
	Venezuela				Néstor Luis Serrano Mendoza	Statutory auditor
Santino Market Inc	United States	28/01/2021	Florida		Brittor Corporate Services Llc	Agent
	United States				María D Vásquez Carrasco	President
	United States				Rogers I Ramírez Dorante	President
Fc Group Usa, Inc.	United States	28/04/2021	Florida		María D Vásquez Carrasco	President
	United States				Noledy V Godoy	Agent
	United States				Rogers I Ramírez Dorante	President

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11. Krithonfer Argenis Barrios Vivas.
Arrested.

Krithonfer Barrios has incorporated at least eight companies, four in Panama, three in Venezuela between 2009 and 2017, and one in the USA in 2019.

Two of the companies established in Venezuela and the company registered in the USA list the food sector in their corporate purpose. A third company in Venezuela has a broad and diverse corporate purpose.

His companies have signed contracts with four bodies or agencies of the military sector, according to information found in the National Register of Contractors:

- Contracts were signed with the Honor Guard Brigade for the sale and distribution of computer equipment, painting materials, uniforms, curtains and banners, construction materials and office supplies.
- Between 2015 and 2016, contracts were signed with the Fundación del Pueblo

Soberano for the repair of vehicles, the sale of tires for the vehicle fleet and the purchase of 450 shirts with the institution's logo embroidered on them.

- With the Ministry of Defense, in 2016, contracts were signed for the purchase of: textiles, food and beverages for personnel, clothing, paper and cardboard products for office, clothing.
- A contract was signed with the National Institute of Civil Aeronautics (INAC) for the supply of food.

Seaway Management Group, established in Panama in 2020 and active according to OpenCorporates, lists among its services the management of ship routing logistics, ship and port waste management (slops), ship handling in the ports of Panama and tanker bunkering.⁵⁹

Two names are linked to the companies: Ivana Hernández Caraballo and Luduyn Ovidio Betancur Florez.

COMPANIES RELATED TO KRITHONFER ARGENIS BARRIOS VIVAS

Name of company	Country	Date of incorporation	Place	Purpose	Partners/Directors	Positions
Beisball Fast Food, C.A.	Venezuela	21/01/2017	Distrito Capital	Food	Luduyn Ovidio Betancur Flórez	Director
	Venezuela				Krithonfer Argenis Barrios Vivas	Director
	Venezuela				Maximiliano Vielma Aparicio	Statutory auditor
Inversiones Will Anguss 3240, C.A.	Venezuela	18/03/2009	Miranda	Food	Krithonfer Argenis Barrios Vivas	Director
	Venezuela				Ivana Hernández Caraballo	
	Venezuela				Ángel Eduardo Cáceres Sandoval	
	Venezuela				Nelson Manuel Toledo Brito	Statutory auditor
Supliven 2021, C.A.	Venezuela	02/01/2014	Miranda	Various	Krithonfer Argenis Barrios Vivas	Director-Manager
	Venezuela				Sergio Miguel Marchan Ortiz	Statutory auditor
Supliven Usa Inc	United States	01/11/2019	Miami	Food	Krithonfer Argenis Barrios Vivas	President

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COMPANIES RELATED TO KRISTHONFER ARGENIS BARRIOS VIVAS

Name of company	Country	Date of incorporation	Place	Purpose	Partners/Directors	Positions
	United States				Modesto Ramón Días Baraja	Statutory auditor
Seaway Management Group Corp.	Panamá	19/11/2020			Ian Johnson	Director
	Panamá				Kristhonfer Argenis Barrios Vivas	President
	Panamá				Leslie Kerr	Director
	Panamá				Pan Am Corporate Sc	Agent
	Panamá				Pan Am Founder & Council Inc	Subscriber
	Panamá				Pan Am Suscriber Corporation	Subscriber
Seaway Global Foundation	Panamá				Kristhonfer Argenis Barrios Vivas	
Corporacion Imex Kb, S.A.	Panamá				Kristhonfer Argenis Barrios Vivas	
Alimentos Conmart, S.A.	Panamá				Kristhonfer Argenis Barrios Vivas	

12. Leonardo Enrique Torres Naim. Arrested

Leonardo Torres has incorporated at least five companies, four in Venezuela between 1985 and 2014, and one in the United Kingdom in 2018.

The companies established in Venezuela have broad and diverse purposes, with the exception of Emisora Trujillo 102.5 FM Stereo, C.A., whose purpose is radio broadcasting. **Just as an example** of the absurdity, we include here the purpose in the articles of incorporation of the company Asociación Cooperativa Santor 339-L, R.L.:

“Supplies, purchase, sale, distribution, warehousing, import and export, wholesale and retail transportation of computer and video game equipment, accessories and spare parts and all their consumables; their accessories, automated systems and applications, administrative systems and software, intellectual and industrial property technology software, video game software as well as other intellectual creation, video game, entertainment, sports and computer software, technical repair service of all kinds of equipment and telecommunication products and networks, infrastructure for transmission and reception, installation of industrial security systems, photocopiers, printers, scanners, computer consumables, printers, computer equipment and spare parts, memory units, photocopiers, plotters, printing equipment, cartridges and inks, digital and analog embroidery machines, embroidery threads, and all machines for data treatment and processing; consumer goods. Household appliances, washers, driers, refrigerators, and furniture, dry goods, and the like; office supplies in general, furniture, stationery in general, photocopying equipment, didactic material, supplies, furniture, furniture, office supplies, and supplies in general, national and



international exhibitions of all kinds of products of licit trade, elaboration, exhibition and sale of national and international meals; repair of electrical and mechanical parts for all types of motor vehicles, especially aimed at the conversion of vehicles to the dual fuel system gasoline/natural gas vehicle, including everything related to its operation, maintenance and registration of the system and its components, purchase, sale, import, export, distribution and wholesale and retail marketing of all types of rubber, tires and rims and accessories, domestic or imported, for all types of vehicles, whether light, heavy, machinery, tractors, motorcycles and bicycles, engines, mechanical, electrical, electromechanical spare parts, glass, batteries, electrical parts, brakes, chassis, transmission, engines, hydraulic or mechanical boxes, air conditioners, for all types of vehicles such as automobiles, motorcycles, vans, trucks, bicycles, tractors and machinery in general, repair of engines, gearboxes, chassis, electrical parts, transmissions, rubber, tires, rims and accessories, mechanical or hydraulic steering, brakes and in short, everything related to the mechanical repair of bicycles, motorcycles, land and maritime vehicles, brass plating and painting of motorcycles, automotive and maritime vehicles, as well as everything related to the field of car washing, diesel mechanics in general, as well as repairs of brass plating, painting and upholstery, may perform any type of services, maintenance, electro auto services and mechanics in general, repair and marketing of everything related to lubricants, air filters, oil and gasoline, accumulators, accessories, tires, installation, alignment and balancing in general, electrical parts, brass, painting, repair of front axle, service and repair of brakes, mechanics, mounting and repair of exhaust pipes, oil and filter change, service and repair of air conditioning for vehicles; automotive, electrical and mechanical services, brass, painting, washing and greasing, automotive refrigeration, crane services, automotive air conditioning system, also including the assembly of parts, minor and major repairs, periodic inspections of the proper functioning, bodywork repairs and can perform repair work of brass including the assembly and disassembly of bodywork parts in all types of vehicles, whether light or heavy, motorcycles and bicycles, as well as the application of paint and all kinds of products necessary for the development of the activity. Spare parts, and electrical, electronic, communication and data transmission equipment, such as radios, telephones, digital equipment, hardware items and equipment, hardware for industrial and household use, water supply materials, electrical materials in general, construction materials in general, machinery in general, clothing and footwear, dry goods, groceries, beverages and food in general, cleaning materials, supplies and equipment. Cleaning utensils in general; air conditioning equipment and refrigeration systems; as well as all kinds of accessories and spare parts in general, both domestic and imported, for machinery, equipment, vehicles; medical and surgical materials and equipment, medical and dental materials and equipment, work and all kinds of uniforms, toys in general, accessories for ladies, men and children, cosmetics and personal



hygiene items, jewelry, hardware and everything related to the distribution and supply of materials in general. Footwear for workers and professionals, ladies, men and children; electronic equipment and home appliances; accessories, medicines in general; industrial safety equipment and implements in general, equipment for the oil and/or petrochemical, industrial and commercial industries; material equipment and industrial safety equipment (HSE), remodeling of all kinds of properties and everything related to the maintenance and repair of equipment; accessories and spare parts for household appliances, washers, driers, new and used entertainment devices, industrial supplies, clothing for ladies, men and children, any kind of national and international food, beverages and non-alcoholic species, organization of special events such as: public shows, fairs and parties, party agency, as well as all aspects developed in the specialty of computer science, computerized graphic design and development of web pages. Accessories and sports equipment of any kind, confection, embroidery and printing of sports uniforms, technical and professional services; support to all solidarity initiatives of the society, spare parts, products and supplies related to cooling, remodeling of offices in the commercial and industrial area for the public and private sector, services of brand representation for national and international brands or firms, representation, commercialization and marketing. Industrial, commercial, residential, road, agricultural and personal communication and security systems, security services, unarmed, personal, digital and satellite surveillance, safeguarding and custody of business premises, commerce, residences and vehicles, installation and sale of door, gate and window motors. The organization, administration and promotion of all types of recreational, cultural, socio-cultural, educational, social, sporting, artistic and entertainment events, aimed at both individuals and public and/or private companies; promotions in general. Technical assistance in the area of radio, television, press, textile manufacturing, advertisements, billboards, banners, banners, banners, P.O.P. material, the provision of party agency services, tables, inflatable mattresses, playgrounds, awnings, organization of special events, cultural events, parties, entertainment and recreation for adults and children, rental of stages, chairs, tables, tablecloths and props in general for such events; transportation, provision of services in the area of: rental of sound and lighting for all types of social and cultural events; technical service for repair and maintenance of sound, audio and video equipment; preparation, purchase and sale, distribution of food, meals, drinks, sweets, candies, snacks, etc.; provision of the services of: executive transportation services, purchase, sale, distribution, export, import, wholesale and retail commercialization of perishable and non-perishable food, beverages, groceries, grains, cheese, charcuterie, spices, delicatessen, carbonated and pasteurized beverages, beef, pork, chicken, and all its derivatives, hardware, household items, confectionery and mass consumption products; as well as the elaboration, distribution and commercialization of breads, pastries, sweets and cakes; purchase and sale of bakery and pastry products, purchase, sale, import



and export of machinery and equipment for the elaboration of food, breads and their derivatives; and in general, to create economic services in the agri-food area, based on the sustainable development of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, industrial or textile production, also in the area of food consumption, agricultural production, livestock, poultry, fish, transportation, recycling, and supply in general, by itself or associated with the costs in the formulation of projects and execution of works; to fulfill its purpose it may temporarily contract other legal or natural persons, oriented under the same concept of solidarity economy. all activities related to communication, touristic, educational, educational communication, tourism, education, health, to preserve the social conditions of the communities, purchase, sale, distribution, import and export of goods and services in general, building the development of the country, implementing strategic plans for human development, promoting the interrelationship of friendship, companionship and mutual work among people, as well as recruiting, preparing, selecting and placing highly trained personnel in the administrative area in both public and private sector activities and their continuous improvement, promoting and encouraging the use of tools and technological advances that in such areas are modernly applied for the improvement of effective and efficient management, promote and encourage the creation of associations and/or federations that allow the unification of criteria and the development of the areas that make up the administrative management and in the case that such associations already exist, strengthen their management, promote, encourage the guidelines, designs, planning and organization of seminars and congresses, conventions, workshops, exhibitions, meetings, conferences, forums in the areas foreseen in the purpose of the foundation: and to carry out any other activity that the executive committee considers convenient for the benefit of the foundation and the integral development of the person as well as the purchase, sale, and rental of equipment and materials necessary for the best development of the same. Technical assistance in the area of radio and television advertising, press, textile manufacturing, posters, billboards, banners, professional services in accounting, administration, internal auditing, financial analysis, sales, warehousing and storage of merchandise; purchase and sale of livestock, breeding of pigs, goats and beef cattle, marketing of medicines and veterinary supplies wholesale and retail, development of projects, maintenance and services of everything related to civil works in general, construction of housing, housing complexes, buildings, urban planning and landscaping works; general maintenance in areas of gardening (green areas), electricity, painting in general, waterproofing, mechanics, instrumentation, plumbing, metalworking, manufacturing and welding, carpentry; Also, projects, services, maintenance, supplier of chemical products for maintenance, advertising services, works and services, maintenance of educational facilities, hospitals, maintenance and provision of mobile clinics, everything related to the areas of civil works, architectural, agricultural, mechanical, electrical,



refrigeration and advertising projects, construction of general buildings, such as, single-family housing, multi-family, concrete and metal structure, electrical and mechanical hydraulic systems, road works such as earthworks, highway, agricultural penetration roads, deforestation, reforestation. Maintenance and cleaning of internal and external areas in all types of buildings, loading and unloading of all types of materials and equipment. Purchase and sale, import, export, storage and distribution of finished products, leasing of machinery and equipment for construction and distribution of hydrocarbons. Production, installation and maintenance of agro-industrial, maritime and land systems and machinery, as well as their import, export and construction. Manufacture, sale and distribution of products and equipment for the preparation of cold asphalt. Organization and training of human and technical resources. Topographic survey. Preparation of feasibility studies of projects in general. Providing advertising services in general. Purchase, sale and distribution of vehicles and motorcycles. Provide through its members, services in civil works, construction of electrical and mechanical works; promote and carry out the construction, refurbishment of social housing; preparation of engineering, agro-industrial, mechanical and civil projects; construction, remodeling and maintenance of penetration roads, electrical and infrastructure networks; earthworks, contract inspection, audits, supervision and appraisal of real estate; construction of drainage systems of rain, river and sewage waters; maintenance of green areas; promotion and tourist and creative exploitation; for the purpose of the activities on the field and farms, in order to execute these works in urbanized zones; All the related professional services of engineering, technical, civil valuations, professional services in general. Design of architectural projects. Design and calculations of concrete and steel structures. Design and calculations of sanitary installations, design and calculation of electrical installations, landscaping, metric computations, budgets. Sale of horizontal property, or any form of the same, execution and contracting of works, subcontracts of the same, topographic survey, land clearing, earthworks, reinforced concrete and structural steel structures, and in general everything related to urban planning, boundaries, roads, drainage, sewage, plumbing, electrical installations, Civil Construction; Develop activities related to construction, including construction, reconstruction, repair, remodeling and maintenance of houses, as well as related activities, such as electricity, plumbing, painting, fumigation, blacksmithing, waterproofing, masonry and construction in general. Services in solid waste collection, cleaning and maintenance of physical infrastructure of public and private organizations. Maintenance of green areas, general civil works, carpentry, decorative works, drywall, formica and similar, ceilings, perimeter fences, gabions, construction of aqueducts and sewers, sewage network, sewage network, related activities. To develop activities in the area of obtaining multiple consumption services, purchase and sale of houses and real estate, as well as the creation of production and service units or departments.



Purchase and sale of construction materials; construction and promotion of housing and urban developments; purchase, sale and rental of machinery, equipment, real estate and furniture; may project, design and calculate all kinds of projects, topographic and geo-environmental studies and surveys; Construction of industrial sheds, roads, asphaltting, paving of urban and extra-urban roads, excavations, foundations, sidewalks, curbs, single-family and multi-family houses, concrete, metallic and wooden structures, bridges, viaducts, footbridges, highways, avenues, drainage, collectors of all kinds, installation of clean water, sewage, gas and electricity networks; Services and maintenance of green areas, forestry, reforestation and adequacy of land; Supply of personnel; Import and export of machinery, implements, equipment, parts and spare parts for construction; Rental of heavy machinery for construction; Acquisition of land plots for construction, land division, and urban development, Blacksmith work, electricity, plumbing, welding and general services such as: manufacture, design and installation of doors, windows, grills, general maintenance to infrastructure, among others, in addition to the installation of electricity systems of houses, as well as: asphaltting, repair of potholes, sidewalks, among other services; Develop and implement projects in the area of engineering, civil construction, road, electrical, telecommunications, mechanical, urban, architectural, industrial, agricultural, livestock, agro-industrial, hydraulic, forestry, environmental studies, hydrocarbons, natural gas and distribution networks, utilities. To carry out tourism, ecological, cultural, sports, education and training programs for its associates and the community, promoting the integral development of the same, in order to project the cooperative towards the multiplicity of services. develop activities in the area of obtaining multiple consumption services, purchase and sale of food items and sale of consumer goods, provide repair services, storage, mechanical maintenance, assemblies, shower, greasing, brass and paint to all kinds of vehicles (cargo, passengers and individuals), provision of tourism service, throughout the national territory, provision of passenger, cab, public and private, multimodal transportation service, office materials, participating in food consumption activities, through food fairs, including the sale of all kinds of food, strategic school food program, school canteens, canteens for public or private companies, consumer products in general and food, equipment and trailer rental, purchase and sale of equipment and trailers. Urban and extra-urban land transportation of dry goods and groceries, goods, furniture and light and heavy cargo in general, as well as transportation of substances, materials and chemical cleaning wastes, hazardous and/or toxic wastes, after hiring the appropriate means. Distribution of automotive spare parts and heavy machinery. Pharmaceutical products. To promote cooperative education, social services, social welfare and welfare programs for its members and in general, to carry out any activity of lawful commerce, related to the main purpose or in any way that is convenient to the commercial development of the Cooperative”.



His companies have signed contracts with six government agencies, between 2014 and 2016, according to information found in the National Contractors Registry:

- In 2015, a contract was signed with Agrotrujillo, S.A. for the promotion of the sowing of beans through 10 daily 60-inch wedges.
- In 2015, a rotating advertising contract was signed with the Mayor's Office of the municipality of Valera for 10 daily spots.
- In 2014, a contract was signed with the Municipal Comptroller's Office of the Municipality of El Hatillo for the supply of uniforms for the use of the personnel of the Comptroller's Office.
- In 2015, a contract was signed with the Government of Trujillo State for the retransmission of a 60-minute institutional program (from 7:00 to 8:00 a.m.) on Wednesdays.
- Between 2014 and 2016, contracts were signed with INCES for: corrective maintenance of pumps and tank washing in the INCES building, the air conditioning system of the INCES building, corrective maintenance of the chilled water air conditioning units, installation of a submersible pump for sewage in the existing tank in the pump area, corrective maintenance of the 312 KVA diesel electric

plant, unclogging of river water branches with electromechanical equipment and wrenches, unclogging of water points with wrenches and electromechanical equipment, maintenance and minor repairs of works in private property, maintenance and minor repairs of office and lodging equipment, supply and installation of a 24,000 BTU compressor for air conditioning equipment located in the basement of the INCES building, preventive maintenance of precision air conditioning equipment located on floor 1 of the INCES building, maintenance and minor repairs of works in private property, service request for the repair of the food storage tank located in the warehouse of the INCES building dining room, maintenance and corrective changes of the food freezer tank located in the dining room-basement warehouse, maintenance and minor repairs of works in private property, among others.

In these companies, 10 names are listed as directors or shareholders, some of which share the same surname: **David Alexander Torres Huertas, Elizabeth Naim De Torres, Erika Penélope Juan, Guillermo Torres De Jesús, Jorge Andrés Sandia Bracho, Kevin Alexandre Juan, Pedro José Torres Naim, Sara Paola Cid Montes, Sergio Augusto Soto Núñez** and **Valentina Zambrano Carrillo**.

COMPANIES RELATED TO LEONARDO ENRIQUE TORRES NAIM

Name of company	Country	Date of incorporation	Place	Purpose	Partners/Directors	Positions
Asociación Cooperativa Santor 339-L, R.L.	Venezuela	12/06/2014	Carabobo	Diversos	Leonardo Enrique Torres Naim	Presidente
	Venezuela				Jorge Andrés Sandia Bracho	Secretario
	Venezuela				Valentina Zambrano Carrillo	Tesorera
	Venezuela				Sara Paola Cid Montes	Contralora
	Venezuela				Sergio Augusto Soto Núñez	Coord. De Educación



COMPANIES RELATED TO LEONARDO ENRIQUE TORRES NAIM

Name of company	Country	Date of incorporation	Place	Purpose	Partners/Directors	Positions
Copilco300 C,A	Venezuela	19/03/2014	Miranda	Diversos	Leonardo Enrique Torres Naim	Presidente
	Venezuela				Adriana María Mejia Villasmil	Comisario
Comercializadora Insumayor, C.A	Venezuela	10/08/2011	Miranda	Diversos	Leonardo Enrique Torres Naim	Director
	Venezuela				David Alexander Torres Huertas	Director
	Venezuela				Adriana María Mejia Villasmil	Comisario
Emisora Trujillo 102.5 Fm Stereo, C.A	Venezuela	09/03/1985	Trujillo	Radiodifusión	Guillermo Torres De Jesús	Director
	Venezuela				Pedro José Torres Naim	Director Principal
	Venezuela				Leonardo Enrique Torres De Jesús	Presidente
	Venezuela				Leonardo Enrique Torres Naim	Vicepresidente
	Venezuela				Elizabeth Naim De Torres	Directora Principal
	Venezuela				Leonardo Enrique Torres De Jesús	
	Venezuela				Guillermo Torres De Jesús	
	Venezuela				Kenny Pernía	Comisario
	Venezuela					
Corona Hill Investments Limited	Reino Unido	08/05/2018			Erika Penélope Juan	Director
	Reino Unido				Kevin Alexandre Juan	Director
	Reino Unido				Leonardo Enrique Torres Naim	Director

13. **Olvany Marián Gaspari Bracho.** Arrest warrant issued. Surrendered.

On March 31, 2023, she appeared at the Courthouse in Caracas, seat of the Criminal

Courts. Her Instagram account @OlvanyGB was closed hours after Saab’s announcement against her. She reopened it on March 31, after archiving all posts, to upload a video about her surrender to the authorities for prosecution.⁶⁰

“Today, March 31, I am here, showing my face, because they are making accusations against me I have nothing to do with. Today I am appearing here, before the authorities, so that all the investigations that need to be done can be done, so that I can have my right to a defense,”⁶¹ said Gaspari.

60 <https://elpitazo.net/politica/quien-es-la-tiktoker-olvany-gaspari-vinculada-caso-corrupcion-pdvsa/>

61 https://twitter.com/LaMananaDigital/status/1642155477491412993?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw%7Ctwcamp%5Etweetembed%7Ctwterm%5E1642155477491412993%7Ctwgr%5E53013fbc9e97cbd666c8cb26831d023fcee0d899%7Ctwcon%5Es1_&ef_url=https%3A%2F%2Fd-9562446201487831897.ampproject.net%2F2305252018001%2Fframe.html



“You might say why did she disappear, why did she close her Instagram account; because it is not easy to be accused of crimes you have nothing to do with. Mom, dad, be strong as a rock, because I have faith that we will get out of this,” the accused added.

Her TikTok account, with the same handle @OlvanyGB, boasts 1.6 million followers, and she keeps it private. In this social media account she has posted at least 200 videos on travel, fashion and popular lip-syncs that went viral after she was linked to the PDVSA corruption scheme. Her most recent tours were in Europe. In 2016, she started with a business called @amore_tuestilo, a store located in Acarigua where she sells clothes, accessories and other items for women.⁶²

Olvany Gaspari Bracho, Railin Elizabeth Yépez Jaimes, Ximena Cagide Parada and Yuravic have been dubbed in social media as “PDVSA’s dolls” after prosecutor Tarek William Saab accused them of being money launderers.

Olvani Gaspari registered a company in the National Register of Contractors that she incorporated in 2019, whose purpose is linked to the food sector.

COMPANIES RELATED TO OLVANY MARIÁN GASPARI BRACHO

Name of company	Date of incorporation	Place	Purpose	Partners/Directors	Positions
Inversiones Olvany C.A.	06/05/2019	Portuguesa	Food	Olvany Marian Gaspari Bracho	President
				Giovanni Gaspari Heredia	Vice President
				Yaneidis Vásquez	Statutory auditor

14. Railin Elizabeth Yépez Jaimes. Arrest warrant issued.

Railin Yépez is another of the so-called PDVSA dolls. She registered a company in the National Register of Contractors that she established in 2015, whose purpose is broad and diverse.

COMPANIES RELATED TO RAILIN ELIZABETH YÉPEZ JAIMES

Name of company	Date of incorporation	Place	Purpose	Partners/Directors	Positions
La Gabana, C.A.	19/08/2015	Bolívar	Diversos	Railin Elizabeth Yépez Jaimes	Manager
				Ramón José Yépez Perero	General Manager
				Faustino Valentín Aguilera Mata	Statutory auditor

15. Ximena Cagide Parada. Arrest warrant issued.

Ximena Parada was an employee of Grupo Hardwell Technologies C.A., a company owned

by the Khalil Majzoub brothers, which has a broad corporate purpose and signed almost 100 contracts with more than 25 government agencies, according to information published in the Venezuelan National Register of

62 <https://elpitazo.net/politica/quien-es-la-tiktoker-olvany-gaspari-vinculada-caso-corrupcion-pdvsa/>



Contractors. She joined that company on May 2, 2016 and by September 2020 she was still active in the company, according to records kept at the Venezuelan Institute of Social Security IVSS.

Subsequently, she worked at Poes Internacional, C.A. until January 30, 2023, according to a more recent report of the IVSS. This company was created in 2014 and its purpose is to provide consulting and technical, technological and managerial advice and also to carry out recruitment and personnel selection processes, according to the Venezuelan National Register of Contractors.

Poes Internacional signed contracts with the state-owned company Petromonagas, S.A. and Petrocedeño, in 2016, to provide advisory and consulting services, preparation of procedures and oil services. In 2018, it also signed a contract with the oil company Sinovensa S.A. for training and consulting activities.

Parada is a director of at least two companies in Venezuela created between 1986 and 2018. Inversiones Cetriolo 2018, C.A. signed a contract with the National Electoral Council, in 2020, for the provision of advertising services. The other company, Servimestic, signed contracts with the state-owned company Lácteos Los Andes, C.A., for the sale of spare parts for plastic utensils and Cherry machines.

COMPANIES RELATED TO XIMENA CAGIDE PARADA

Name of company	Date of incorporation	Place	Purpose	Partners/Directors	Positions
Inversiones Cetriolo 2018, C.A.	18/07/2018	Miranda	Advertising and propaganda	Kralys Beatriz López Díaz	Director
				Ximena Cagide Parada	Director
				Nixon David Becerra Gutierrez	Statutory auditor
Servicios Mecanicos Integrados (Servimestic), C.A.	03/11/1986	Distrito Capital	Machinery and industrial equipment	Gumersindo Arada Justo	Director
				Rebeca Parada Rozados	Administrator
				Ximena Cagide Parada	Administrator
				Gisela Antonia Bastardo Rodríguez	Statutory auditor

16. Rafael Guillermo Perdomo Rodríguez y Roger Vicente Perdomo Rodríguez. Arrested.

A report published by Armando Info in September 2022 claims that the Perdomo brothers built the highest, most luxurious towers in the Las Mercedes neighborhood—the so-called “pink zone of Caracas”—, “without being registered in the Venezuelan Construction Chamber” and secured contracts to do repair and maintenance work on the docks of the Paraguaná Refining Center facilities in the state of Falcón and in the Petrochemical Complex of Jose in Anzoátegui.⁶³

63 <https://armando.info/desde-las-torres-de-lujo-saltaron-a-los-muelles-de-pdvsa/>



The granting of such contracts is reportedly linked to businessmen and persons associated with high-ranking members of the military, including Pérez Suárez. Previously, they were owners of a car wash in the middle class neighborhood Las Acacias in Caracas.

They incorporated three companies in Venezuela in 2012 and 2016, two of which are engaged in construction.

COMPANIES RELATED TO RAFAEL GUILLERMO PERDOMO RODRÍGUEZ Y ROGER VICENTE PERDOMO RODRÍGUEZ

Name of company	Date of incorporation	Place	Purpose	Partners/Directors	Positions
Constructora Hp, C.A	13/01/2012	Miranda	Construction	Rafael Guillermo Perdomo Rodríguez	President
				Roger Vicente Perdomo Rodríguez	Vice-President
				Soly Maryerling Pacheco Cabezas	Statutory auditor
Constructora 2 Pto, C.A.	01/04/2016	Miranda	Construction	Rafael Guillermo Perdomo Rodríguez	President
				Roger Vicente Perdomo Rodríguez	Vice-president
				Maryury Nataly Perdomo Rodríguez	Sales Representative
				Soly Maryerling Pacheco Cabezas	Statutory auditor
Auto Servicios Las Acacias Express C.A				Rafael Guillermo Perdomo Rodríguez	Legal Representative

17. Salem Hassoun Atrach. Arrested

Salem Atrach has registered at least five companies, three in Panama between 2012 and 2019; and two in Venezuela between 2006 and 2012.

The purpose of Dolce Pan, C.A., incorporated in Panama, is to engage mainly in wholesale and retail sales, processing, distribution, import and export of food, purchase and sale of cell phone cards, investments and general social development, purchase and sale of real estate and personal property, borrowing money, issuing bonds, and in general any other lawful business permitted by law.

His companies in Venezuela signed more than 100 contracts with PDVSA and at least

10 of its subsidiaries, between 2010 and 2017, according to information published in the Venezuelan National Contractor Registry. They also signed contracts with the Simón Rodríguez Municipality, Eleven, C.A. and the Municipal Superintendency Tax Administration of the Simón Rodríguez Municipality.

In the companies, eight names are listed in management positions, many of which with the name surname: Ediud Macuare Padilla, Ingrid Del Valle Padilla Marin, Marli Salome Indave Mosquera, **Mohanad Alameddin Atrach, Rola Hassoun Atrach, Silverio Enrique Selva Castillo, Wasin Hassoun Atrach and Yasmin Atrach.**



COMPANIES RELATED TO SALEM HASSOUN ATRACH

Name of company	Country	Date of incorporation	Place	Purpose	Partners/Directors	Positions
Inversiones Saw, C.A.	Venezuela	24/10/2012	Anzoátegui		Salem Hassoun Atrach	Managing Director
	Venezuela				Rola Hassoun Atrach	Managing Director
	Venezuela				Luis Beltrán Quiroz Manzano	Statutory auditor
Cooperativa Transatlantis, R.L.	Venezuela	07/03/2006	Anzoátegui		Salem Hassoun Atrach	Vice-president
	Venezuela				Wasin Hassoun Atrach	Secretary
	Venezuela				Yasmin Atrach	Treasurer
	Venezuela				Marli Salome Indave Mosquera	Coordinator
	Venezuela				Ingrid Del Valle Padilla Marin	Comptroller
Dolce Pan S.A.	Venezuela				Ediud Macuare Padilla	President
	Panamá	17/03/2015		Food	Napoleón Arce Fistonich	Agent
	Panamá				Mohanad Alameddin Atrach	President
	Panamá				Salem Hassoun Atrach	Director
	Panamá				Wasin Hassoun Atrach	Director
Nimsa Petrol, S.A.	Panamá	03/07/2019			Ibrahim Jair Serrano Pinto	Agent
	Panamá				Richard José Zamora Mendoza	Subscriber
	Panamá				Rola Hassoun Atrach	Director
	Panamá				Salem Hassoun Atrach	Director
	Panamá				Wasin Hassoun Atrach	President
Multimarkas, S.A.	Panamá	24/05/2012			Rodney Rene Samudio Staff	Agent
	Panamá				Salem Hassoun Atrach	Director
	Panamá				Silverio Enrique Selva Castillo	Director
	Panamá				Wasin Hassoun Atrach	Director

18. **Manuel Enrique Meneses Guevara.** Arrested. Financial operator of PDVSA while Pérez Suárez was vice-president of Trade and Quality Supply of Petróleos de Venezuela S.A. (PDVSA).
19. **Eduardo Noriega.** Arrest warrant issued.
20. **Rodolfo Moleiro.** Arrest warrant issued.
21. **William Rivas.** Arrest warrant issued.
22. **Yuravic Ravello Machado.** Arrest warrant issued.



4 High ranking officials of the Ministry of Petroleum, PDVSA and SUNACRIP that were excluded from the investigation of the Prosecutor's Office

One of the big questions that has been hovering in public opinion since the official unveiling of the corruption plot dubbed by the Prosecutor General's Office as PDVSA-Crypto Scheme is why some officials with high power within the Ministry of Petroleum, PDVSA and SUNACRIP have not been called to testify, at least not publicly.

To better understand the liability of these officials in safeguarding Venezuelan public money, it is necessary to have a clear understanding of the decision-making power that each one had in the structure of these institutions.

Ministry of Petroleum: Tareck El Aissami

The public opinion has no information on his whereabouts; it is unknown whether an investigation has been opened, and there is no arrest warrant. The Ministry of Petroleum is the body to which the Petr6leos de Venezuela is attached, by order of the Presidency of the Republic. According to Article 117 of the Law of the Public Administration, this entity, as well as the other ministries or other national, state, metropolitan district or municipal oversight bodies, have the following powers over the entities under their umbrella:

1. Determine the policies to be implemented by such entities, and to that end, they shall issue the necessary general guidelines.
2. Permanently exercise coordination, supervision and oversight tasks.

3. Continuously evaluate the performance and results of its management and report in a timely manner to the President of the Republic, Governor, Mayor, as appropriate.
4. Report on a quarterly basis to the national, state, metropolitan district or municipal agency or body in charge of planning on the implementation of the plans by such entities; among others.

In the last two decades, Hugo Ch6vez, and his successor Nicol6s Maduro, have appointed seven Oil Ministers, **at least three of them have been accused in major corruption scandals** by the Prosecutor's Office.

Rafael Ram6rez was Minister of Petroleum and President of PDVSA for more than a decade, and is being prosecuted by the Venezuelan justice system, which accuses him, among other charges, of the crimes of active and passive corruption, influence peddling, money laundering and conspiracy to commit crimes. The Supreme Court of Justice approved to request his extradition from Spain and then from Italy. But Ram6rez has rejected the charges and remains at large.

In addition, former oil ministers and also former presidents of PDVSA, Eulogio del Pino and Nelson Mart6nez were arrested in 2017 for their alleged link to a debt refinancing contract of PDVSA's U.S. subsidiary Citgo. Mart6nez died in December 2018 while in prison.



MINISTERS OF PETROLEUM 2002 - 2023		
FULL NAME	ID No.	TERM
Rafael Darío Ramírez Carreño	V- 5.479.706	2002 - 2014
Asdrúbal José Chávez Jiménez	V- 4.259.859	2014 - 2015
Eulogio Antonio Del Pino Díaz	V- 11.041.914	2015 - 2017
Nelson Pablo Martínez	V- 3.817.768	2017 - 2020
Manuel Salvador Quevedo Fernández	V- 9.705.800	2017 - 2020
Tareck Zaidan El Aissami Maddah	V- 12.354.211	2020 - 2023
Pedro Rafael Tellechea Ruiz	V- 12.067.628	2023 -

What about Tareck El Aissami?

As of June 2023, the Public Prosecutor’s Office has not officially reported any investigation against **Tareck El Aissami**, who headed the Ministry of Petroleum during the PDVSA-Crypto corruption scheme. Nor is his whereabouts known.

El Aissami resigned from his position at the Ministry of Petroleum on March 20, 2023, three days after the National Anti-Corruption Police announced the first arrests in the case. He posted two messages⁶⁴ on Twitter where he stated that given his “condition of revolutionary militant,” he made himself available to the leadership of the United Socialist Party of Venezuela (PSUV) to support the “crusade that President Nicolás Maduro has undertaken against anti-values.”

In May 2023, the deputy to the 2020 National Assembly Jesús Faría informed that El Aissami is being investigated for corruption cases surrounding the state-owned company. During an interview for Unión Radio, the parliamentarian claimed that El Aissami “is being investigated by different instances of

the Judiciary,” but he also failed to inform about his whereabouts.

Until before the scandal, El Aissami was one of the most powerful figures within Maduro’s government. He has served as vice-president of the Economic Area, minister of Basic Industries and executive vice-president of the Republic. He was also governor of Aragua state and minister of Interior and Justice.

After graduating as a lawyer from the Universidad de Los Andes (ULA),⁶⁵ he first entered public office as the first head of the Identity Mission, launched in 2003 by the then National Office of Identification and Migration (ONIDEX) under Hugo Cabezas, with whom he had been linked since they founded the Utopia 78 student movement.

At the head of that movement and as president of the ULA Federation of Student Centers, El Aissami met the then professor Adán Chávez, brother of former President Hugo Chávez. He joined Movimiento V República, and in 1997 became part of the national leadership of the Party Youth, together with Alberto Castelar and Alexander Nebreda.

64 Tweet by former Petroleum Minister Tareck El Aissami. <https://twitter.com/TareckPSUV/status/1637891779583148032> 20/03/2023.

65 Poderopedia Tareck El Aissami.



One of the moments of greatest exposure in office came on February 13, 2017 when he was sanctioned by the U.S. government, after years of investigation, for alleged involvement in money laundering and drug trafficking. The U.S. Treasury Department claimed that El Aissami facilitated shipments of more than 1,000 kilos of drugs from Venezuela to the United States and Mexico.

Petróleos de Venezuela S.A. (Pdvsa)

A key factor to understanding how decisions are made in PDVSA after more than 20 years of Chavez-Maduro administration is that the oil company, once a benchmark of excellence, has gradually lost its independence and managerial autonomy. Some analysts recall that, at its peak in the 1990s, PDVSA and its subsidiaries had a different legal character from other state-owned entities, as they were state-owned companies that operated as corporations, in which the only shareholder was the Venezuelan State, represented by the government in the shareholders’ meetings.

In other words, there were no political, but rather merit-based appointments in their management structure, and both the budget and financial management were approved by different bodies with managerial and operational autonomy.⁶⁶

With Hugo Chávez as President, the formal relationship of PDVSA with the government through the shareholders’ assembly was broken, which affected the operational, strategic or financial aspects, and political control began to be exercised, until it was consolidated with the arrival of Rafael Ramírez as President of the state-owned company. Since then, the reins of the oil company have depended on the president and his political circle.

From January 2017 through 2019, Nicolás Maduro has issued at least four decrees appointing the president and board of directors of PDVSA.

2017:

According to Official Gazette No. 6,284 Extraordinary of January 29, 2017, Maduro appointed the board of directors of PDVSA, which was formed as follows:

PDVSA 2017 BOARD OF DIRECTORS		
FULL NAME	ID No.	POSITION
Eulogio Antonio Del Pino Díaz	V-11.041.914	President
Maribel Del Carmen Parra Perozo	V-7.804.750	Executive Vice-president
Nelson José Ferrer Sánchez	V-5.879.729	Vice-president of Exploration and Production, and Internal Director
Guillermo Gustavo Blanco Acosta	V-5.276.070	Vice-president of Refining and Internal Director
Simón Alejandro Zerpa Delgado	V-16.544.324	Vice-president of Finance and Internal Director
Delcy Eloina Rodríguez Gómez	V-10.353.667	Vice-president of International Affairs and Internal Director

66 Ramón Espinasa. El auge y el colapso de Pdvsa a los treinta años de la nacionalización. Revista Venezolana de Economía y Ciencias Sociales. UCV. Abril 2006.i.



PDVSA 2017 BOARD OF DIRECTORS		
FULL NAME	ID No.	POSITION
Ysmel Romer Serrano Florez	V-13.148.780	Vice-president of Trade and Supply, and Internal Director
Marianny Josefina Gómez Silva	V-12.198.659	Vice-president of Planning and Engineering, and Internal Director
Yurbis Josefina Gómez	V-15.972.955	External Director
Ricardo Andrés León Sabala	V-17.140.679	External Director
Rodolfo Clemente Marco Torres	V-8.812.571	External Director
Ricardo Menendez Prieto)	V-10.333.821	External Director
Wils Asención Rangel Linares	V-4.930.482	External Director

2018:

According to Official Gazette No. 6,405 Extraordinary of September 7, 2018, Nicolás Maduro appointed the board of directors of PDVSA, as follows:

PDVSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2018		
NAME	ID NO.	POSITION
Manuel Salvador Quevedo Fernández	V- 9.705.800	President
Nelson José Ferrer Sánchez	V- 5.879.729	Vice-president of Exploration and Production and Internal Director
Guillermo Gustavo Blanco Acosta	V- 5.276.070	Vice-president of Refining and Internal Director
Fernando Manuel De Quintal Rodríguez	V- 16.888.364	Vice-president of Trade and Supply and Internal Director
Nemrod Antonio Contreras Mejías	V- 11.606.408	Vice-president of Gas and Internal Director
Iris Yari Medina Fernández	V- 16.288.707	Vice-president of Finance and Internal Director
Marcos Alejandro Rojas Marchena	V- 19.334.043	Vice-president of International Affairs and Internal Director
Miguel José Quintana Castro	V- 6.465.453	Vice-president of Planning and Engineering and Internal Director
Yurbis Josefina Gómez	V- 15.972.955	External Director
Ricardo Andrés León Sabala	V- 17.140.679	External Director
Wils Asención Rangel Linares	V- 4.930.482	External Director
Simón Alejandro Zerpa Delgado	V- 16.544.324	External Director
Ricardo José Menéndez Prieto	V- 10.333.821	External Director
Tareck Zaidan El Aissami Maddah	V- 12.354.211	External Director



A few months later, some changes were made to the oil company's board of directors, according to Official Gazette No. 41.507 of October 22, 2018, also by decision of Nicolás Maduro

PDVSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2018

FULL NAME	ID NO.	POSITION
Manuel Salvador Quevedo Fernández	V- 9.705.800	President
Miguel José Quintana Castro	V- 6.465.453	Vice-president (A) of Exploration and Production; Vice-president of Planning and Engineering; and Internal Director
Rodolfo Enrique Jiménez Jiménez	V- 11.380.972	Vice-president of Refining and Internal Director
José Alejandro Rojas Reyes	V- 6.692.973	Vice-president of Trade and Supply and Internal Director
Nemrod Antonio Contreras Mejías	V- 11.606.408	Vice-president of Gas and Internal Director
Marcos Alejandro Rojas Marchena	V- 19.334.043	Vice-president of International Affairs and Internal Director
Fernando Manuel De Quintal Rodríguez	V- 16.388.364	Vice-president of Finance and Internal Director
Yurbis Josefina Gómez	V- 15.972.955	External Director
Ricardo Andrés León Sabala	V- 17.140.679	External Director
Wils Asención Rangel Linares	V- 4.930.482	External Director
Simón Alejandro Zerpa Delgado	V- 16.544.324	External Director
Ricardo José Menéndez Prieto	V- 10.333.821	External Director
Tareck Zaidan El Aissami Maddah	V- 12.354.211	External Director

2019:

According to Official Gazette No. 41.653 of June 12, 2019, Nicolás Maduro appointed the following officers to the board of directors of PDVSA:

PDVSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2019

FULL NAME	ID NO.	POSITION
Manuel Salvador Quevedo Fernández	V-9.705.800	President
Miguel José Quintana Castro	V-6.465.453	Vice-president (A) of Exploration and Production; Vice-president of Planning and Engineering; and Internal Director
Rodolfo Enrique Jiménez Jiménez	V-11.380.972	Vice-president of Refining and Internal Director
Marcos Alejandro Rojas Marchena	V-19.334.043	Vice-president (E) of Trade and Supply; Vice-president of International Affairs; and Internal Director
Nemrod Antonio Contreras Mejías	V-11.606.408	Vice-president of Gas and Internal Director
Fernando Manuel De Quintal Rodríguez	V-16.888.364	Vice-president of Finance and Internal Director
Yurbis Josefina Gómez	V-15.972.955	External Director
Ricardo Andrés León Sabala	V-17.140.679	External Director
Wils Asención Rangel Linares	V-4.930.482	External Director
Simón Alejandro Zerpa Delgado	V-16.544.324	External Director
Ricardo José Menéndez Prieto	V-10.333.821	External Director
Tareck Zaidan El Aissami Maddah	V-12.354.211	External Director



2020, 2021, 2022 y 2023: PDVSA Board of Directors is secret

On February 19, 2020, the declaration of the energy emergency of the hydrocarbons industry was published in Official Gazette No. 41,825, and the “Alí Rodríguez Araque” Presidential Commission for the Defense, Restructuring and Reorganization of the National Oil Industry was created, in charge of “designing, supervising, coordinating and boosting all the productive, legal, administrative, labor and commercialization processes of the national public oil industry and its related activities, including PDVSA and the Venezuelan Oil Corporation (CVP)”.

This commission was made up of 18 people, while **Tareck El Aissami**, as Minister of Petroleum, was chairman and **Asdrubal Chavez**, then President of PDVSA, was vice chair. This emergency declaration was extended in Official Gazette No. 42,071 of February 19, 2021.

From 2017 to 2013, which is the period of Nicolás Maduro’s appointments analyzed here, most of the officials remained in their positions in the oil company, but only Ysmel Romer Serrano Florez was named by the Prosecutor General as part of the corrupt scheme. Serrano is a close associate of former Minister El Aissami who has held 13 public positions since 2008, according to the details provided below.

The President of PDVSA from 2020–2023, Asdrúbal Chávez, cousin of former President Hugo Chávez, was not named at the start of the investigation, nor as of this writing. He was appointed by Nicolás Maduro as head

of PDVSA and the board of directors as per Official Gazette No. 6,531, Extraordinary, dated April 27, 2020.

National Superintendency of Crypto-assets (SUNACRIP)

Its official website⁶⁷ states that it is “an autonomous government body, governing the Comprehensive Cryptoassets System,” and that it was created “through the Constituent Decree published in the Official Gazette of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela No. 41.575 dated January 30, 2019,” from the National Constituent Assembly, a body criticized as unconstitutional.

But already in April 2018, this agency had been created under the name of Venezuelan Superintendency of Cryptoassets and Related Activities (Supcacven), attached to the Vice-Presidency of the Republic, which at that time was headed by Tareck El Aissami, who was in office until June 2018.⁶⁸ In October 2018, Nicolás Maduro inaugurated the Sunacrip,⁶⁹ attached to the Ministry of Industries and National Production, an office also headed by El Aissami from June 2018 until August 2021.

Sunacrip was intended to support the development of the Petro as Venezuela’s digital currency. The Constituent Decree on the Integral System of Cryptoassets, issued by the National Constituent Assembly and published in Official Gazette No. 41,575 of January 30, 2019, establishes in Article 21 that Sunacrip, shall be integrated by the following Intendancies:

1. The Intendancy of digital mining and associated processes.

67 Sunacrip. <https://sunacrip.gob.ve/es/sunacrip>

68 Poderopedia. Sunacrip.

69 Ministerio del Poder Popular para la Comunicación e Información. Inauguran Superintendencia Nacional de Criptoactivos. <http://www.minci.gob.ve/inauguran-superintendencia-nacional-de-criptoactivos/>. 01/10/2018.



2. The Intendancy for the promotion and development of crypto-assets and related activities.
3. The crypto-financial intendancy.
4. The supervisory intendancy.

Article 22 of the aforementioned law sets out that the Intendants as a whole make up the **Executive Council**, which is a

body in charge of setting the guidelines for its activity and the management policies of the various processes to be developed by the Superintendency, as well as the evaluation and monitoring of the results obtained.

The following table lists the names of SUNACRIP’s intendants:

SUNACRIP INTENDANTS			
Name	Position	Date	Gazette
Pablo Ernesto Carrillo Ríos	Oversight Intendant	27/4/2021	42.114
Rajiv Alberto Mosqueda Fregona	Intendant of Digital Mining and Associated Processes	14/12/2020	42.028*
Ángel Rafael Mujica Escobar	Intendant for the Promotion and Development of Crypto-assets and Related Activities	2/2/2020	41.829
Jorge Román Soto Ramos	Cryptofinancial Services Intendant	16/5/2019	41.634
Kenny Beatriz Rodríguez Intriago	Cryptofinancial Services Intendant	16/9/2021	42.214

*Only person named in the PDVSA-Crypto Scheme

The four intendants that make up the Executive Council were appointed by the then president of Sunacrip, Joselit de La Trinidad Ramírez Camacho. However, besides Ramírez Camacho, only one of the intendants was appointed by the Prosecutor General appointed by the National Constituent Assembly, Tarek William Saab, namely Rajiv Alberto Mosqueda Fregona, Intendant of Digital Mining and Associated Processes.

SUNACRIP’s official website states that the Digital Mining Intendancy “regulates, controls, organizes, legalizes, authorizes and supervises the digital mining activity in the country” and that its competences include “the registration of digital mining and mining activity licenses.”

The Prosecutor General published on March 25, 2023 on his Twitter account, a commonly used channel to inform about the actions of the Public Prosecutor’s Office, that another of the detainees is Renny Gerardo Barrientos, an official of the Office of Digital Mining and Associated Processes, described below.⁷⁰

There is an “oversight unit”, according to SUNACRIP’s official website, in charge of ensuring compliance with the legal framework that regulates the economic activity “carried out using cryptocurrency, through the supervision of the different actors that make up the Integrated Cryptoassets System.”

There is no reliable information on whether any high-level official in charge of oversight at Sunacrip is being investigated for this scheme.

70 Prosecution Ministry @MinpublicoVEN. <https://twitter.com/MinpublicoVEN/status/1639666497785135105?lang=es>



5 History of actions of the agencies in the so-called “crusade against corruption”

The authorities, especially in the judiciary, did not hesitate to apply the same pattern of prosecution to the arrested ex-officials and businessmen that they have used against opposition politicians and individuals who have criticized the government of Nicolás Maduro in recent years.

The United Nations International Independent Fact-Finding Mission for Venezuela has reported that people who are subjected to judicial proceedings are not guaranteed due process or the minimum procedural guarantees. These irregularities have been present again in the PDVSA-Crypto corruption schemes, the Corporación Venezolana de Guayana (CVG) and in the Judiciary.

The accused were arraigned outside the statutory deadline. Detainees accused of embezzlement were arraigned on March 28 at the Second Control Court against Corruption and Terrorism of Caracas. The timing runs counter the provisions of para. 1 of Article 44 of the 1999 Constitution, which clearly states that any person arrested in flagrante delicto “shall be brought before a judicial authority within forty-eight hours from the time of arrest.”

In addition, this process took place outside a court of law, because the arraignment hearing was not held at the Caracas Courthouse. The hearing took place during the night at the headquarters of the Bolivarian National Intelligence Service (SEBIN), at the Helicoide

headquarters, as was clearly seen in the images posted by the Prosecutor General in his Twitter account.

In spite of the fact that both the Venezuelan Constitution and the Organic Code of Criminal Procedure (COPP) grant the accused “the right to be accompanied by a trusted legal counsel” for any court procedure, in the hearing held at the SEBIN none of the accused were allowed to have a counsel chosen by themselves. “There are counsels of the Public Defense present,” announced state-run Venezolana de Televisión (VTV) when reporting the act. Public defenders are lawyers assigned by the State to people who cannot afford a private defense attorney to represent them in trials. According to para. 2 of Article 311 of the Organic Code of Criminal Procedure (COPP) these public defenders may also be assigned to the accused when their private defense attorneys fail to appear.

In the case of the judicial corruption scheme, with unknown relation to the embezzlement known as PDVSA-Crypto Scheme, the former anti-terrorism judge José Mascimino Márquez García received the same treatment that many denounced that he, as a judge, applied in several of the cases he presided over, such as those of the defendants in the so-called Operation Gideon, the indigenous people detained in Operation Aurora, or against Voluntad Popular leaders Freddy Guevara and Ronald Carreño.



The actions of the National Assembly have been limited to agreements in support of the “anti-corruption crusade” and the stripping of the immunity of Congressman Roa. A Law of Domain Extinction was also quickly issued, which allows the State to seize assets of those who incur in crimes, while the Supreme Court of Justice hastened to assign that task to 8 civil courts of Caracas.⁷¹ But no word is spoken at Parliament about the silence of the Comptrollership Commission and the failure to act on its comptroller power.

Timeline:

2/18/2023: Arrests begin. Lawyer Mario Aquino, deputy prosecutor assigned to the Presidency of the Criminal Judicial Circuit of Caracas, was captured for allegedly having favored the release of Oswaldo José Cheremos Carrasquel (aka “Pelón” Cheremos), accused as one of the members of the criminal organization known as Tren del Llano. Aquino is being held at the Bolivarian National Intelligence Service (SEBIN).⁷²

2/18/2023: Mario Aquino’s arraignment hearing was adjourned, according to judicial sources.⁷³ There has been no further information on the status of his case.

3/17/2023: Joselit Ramírez Camacho, then president of SUNACRIP, was arrested for the alleged disappearance of millions of oil funds through operations with cryptocurrencies.⁷⁴

3/17/2023: Official Gazette No. 6,739 Extraordinary published the order to

restructure SUNACRIP. It was informed that the restructuring process will be a six (6) month process, extendable for the same period. The members of the Restructuring Commission include:

1. Anabel Pereira Fernández
V.-14.122.851
President
2. Héctor Andrés Obregón Pérez
V.-17.123.100
Principal Director
3. Luis Alberto Pérez González
V.-17.088.336
Alternate Director
4. Julio César Mora Sánchez
V.-7.903.990
Principal Director
5. Pavel Javier García Sandoval
V.-6.321.859
Alternate Director
6. Román Daniel Maniglia Darwich
V.-16.432.329
Principal Director
7. Carlos Eloy Pirela Méndez
V.-17.720.169
Alternate Director
8. Larry Daniel Devoe Márquez
V.-13.943.870
Principal Director
9. Edgardo Alfonzo Toro Carreño
V.-14.675.941
Alternate Director

71 Suprema Injusticia. Ocho juzgados civiles de Caracas aplicarán la Ley Orgánica de Extinción de Dominio en una primera fase <https://supremainjusticia.org/ocho-juzgados-civiles-de-caracas-aplicaran-la-ley-organica-de-extincion-de-dominio-en-una-primer-fase/>

72 <https://ultimasnoticias.com.ve/noticias/sucesos/sebin-detuvo-a-funcionario-por-favorecer-liberacion-del-pelon-cheremos/>

73 <https://ultimasnoticias.com.ve/noticias/sucesos/difieren-audiencia-de-presentacion-de-mario-aquino/>

74 <https://www.elnacional.com/venezuela/detuvieron-a-joselit-ramirez-camacho-mano-derecha-de-tareck-el-aissami/>



3/18/2023: An arrest warrant was issued against the president of the Criminal Judicial Circuit of Caracas, Cristóbal Corneiles Perre, and of the mayor of the Santos Michelena municipality in Aragua, Pedro Hernández.⁷⁵ In a parallel operation, the Fourth Control Judge of Caracas with competence in crimes associated to Terrorism, José Mascimino Márquez García, was arrested.

3/18/2023: Jorwis Bracho Gómez,⁷⁶ First Control Judge of Falcón State, was arrested.

03/19/2023: National Assembly deputy Hugbel Rafael Roa Carucci was arrested at the headquarters of the ruling party (PSUV) in Caracas, for allegedly being part of a scheme to divert funds from PDVSA.⁷⁷

3/20/2023: Tareck El Aissami announced his resignation through a message on Twitter in which he stated: “by virtue of the investigations that have been initiated into serious acts of corruption in PDVSA; I have made the decision to submit my resignation as Minister of Petroleum, with the purpose of supporting and fully backing this process.”⁷⁸

3/21/2023: The Supreme Court of Justice (TSJ) agreed to strip the parliamentary immunity of pro-government Deputy Hugbel Rafael Roa Carucci, at the behest of the prosecutor appointed by the Constituent Assembly, Tarek William Saab, after declaring that there are reasons to determine in flagrante delicto of serious corruption crimes and, consequently, his prosecution before regular courts and not before the highest court as established by the Venezuelan Constitution.⁷⁹ Although the Supreme Court decision was made in March, by mid-May the court had not yet published the grounds for its decision.⁸⁰

03/21/2023: On the same day of the Supreme Court’s decision, the ruling party-dominated National Assembly unanimously approved the urgent motion filed by Deputy Diosdado Cabello Rondón, which stripped the parliamentary immunity of his party colleague Hugbel Roa.⁸¹

22/03/2023: Businessman Daniel Ricardo Prieto Prieto was arrested after attempting to flee Venezuela to the Dominican Republic, where he was denied entry. Prieto reportedly escaped on 03/17/2023.⁸²

75 <https://www.elnacional.com/venezuela/detuvieron-a-alcalde-chavista-y-jueces-del-circuito-judicial-de-caracas-en-operativo-contra-la-corrupcion/>

76 <https://nuevodía.com.ve/juez-de-falcon-entre-detenidos-por-corrupcion/>

77 <https://portuguesaaldia.com/policia-anticorrupcion-detuvo-a-diputado-hugbel-roa-en-la-sede-psuv-en-caracas/>

78 https://twitter.com/TareckPSUV/status/1637891779583148032?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw%7Ctwcamp%5Etweetembed%7Ctwterm%5E1637891779583148032%7Ctwgr%5Ec7162f3eb1783df7a4b2c460fb385e7147515e51%7Ctwcon%5Es1_&ef_url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.eluniversal.com%2Fpolitica%2F151527%2Ftareck-el-aissami-renuncio-a-su-cargo-como-ministro-de-petroleo

79 <http://www.tsj.gob.ve/es/web/tsj/decisiones#>

80 Suprema Injusticia. El TSJ sigue sin publicar la sentencia con la que permitió el procesamiento del diputado chavista Hugbel Roa. <https://supremainjusticia.org/el-tsj-sigue-sin-publicar-la-sentencia-con-la-que-permitio-el-procesamiento-del-diputado-chavista-hugbel-roa/> 19/05/2023.

81 <https://tenemosnoticias.com/nacionales/noticiasaldayalahora-co/allanada-inmunidad-parlamentaria-al-diputado-hugbel-roa-por-unanimidad/>

82 <https://www.elnacional.com/venezuela/detuvieron-al-gestor-negocios-de-hugbel-roa-que-intento-fugarse-a-republica-dominicana/>



03/25/2023: Details on the arrest of 10 officials and 11 businessmen for their links to the PDVSA-Crypto scheme were given at the Public Prosecutor's Office. Officials include: Antonio José Pérez Suárez, vice-president of Commerce and Supply of Petróleos de Venezuela (PDVSA); Joselit de La Trinidad Ramírez Camacho, National Superintendent of Crypto-assets (SUNACRIP); Hugbel Rafael Roa Caruci, former deputy to the National Assembly; José Agustín Ramos, Yamil Alejandro Martínez, Odoardo José Bordones, Heinrich Chapellín Biundo, Jesús Enrique Salazar, Rajiv Alberto Mosqueda, assigned to the Intendancy of Digital Mining and Associated Processes; and Renny Gerardo Barrientos, Intendancy of Digital Mining and Associated Processes. The businessmen and associates include: Manuel Meneses, Rogers Ramírez, Rafael Perdomo, Roger Perdomo, Daniel Prieto, Kristhonfer Barrios, Johanna Torres, Alejandro Arroyo, Bernardo Arosio, Fernando Bermúdez, and Leonardo Torres.

Eleven arrest warrants were requested, namely against: Juan Manuel Afonso, Manuel Ramón Afonso, William Rivas, Ximena Cagide Parada, Eduardo Noriega, José Luis Ferrandiz, Olvany Gaspari, Railin Elizabeth Yépez, Rodolfo Moleiro, Alejandro Londoño and Yuravic Ravelo for their alleged connection with the scheme. They are charged with appropriation or diversion of public funds, flaunting or assertion of relations or influence, money laundering and conspiracy.⁸³

3/26/2023: It was widely reported on social media that the National Anti-Corruption

Police raided three apartments in Caracas, in the Excelsior Plaza building in Los Chorros, in search of an individual with the alias of “El Gordo” Méndez, who is said to be “one of the best friends” of former oil minister Tareck El Aissami.⁸⁴

03/28/2023: The arraignment hearing was held and a prison sentence was handed down to those implicated in the PDVSA-Crypto corruption scheme: Antonio José Pérez Suárez, Joselit de La Trinidad Ramírez Camacho, Hugbel Rafael Roa Carucci, José Agustín Ramos, Yamil Alejandro Martínez, Odoardo José Bordones, Heinrich Chapellín Biundo, Jesús Enrique Salazar, Rajiv Alberto Mosqueda, and Renny Gerardo Barrientos.⁸⁵ The detainees were presented with orange jumpsuits—unusual in Venezuela—, at night and in a place other than a court of law.

03/28/2023: The Prosecutor General confirmed in an interview (minute 00:18:44) with “En diálogo con La W” of Colombia’s W Radio, that Álvaro Pulido Vargas (Álex Saab’s partner), is being investigated and that raids had also been carried out in some of his properties. “Many raids are being carried out, including the one you mention (Pulido). Many raids are being carried out because there are telephone reports, statements that are coming to public light and arrest warrants are not ruled out (...) It would be too early and reckless on my part to announce what could happen, not only with this person, but with others,” said the Prosecutor, who also denied that the investigation against Pulido is linked to Álex Saab, detained in the

83 Transparencia Venezuela. La fiscalía deja muchas preguntas por responder sobre investigaciones por corrupción <https://transparenciave.org/la-fiscalia-deja-muchas-preguntas-por-responder-sobre-investigaciones-por-corrupcion/>

84 <https://reportedelaeconomia.com/venezuela/por-esto-es-buscado-alias-el-gordo-mendez-amigo-cercano-de-tareck-el-aissami/>

85 <https://www.vtv.gob.ve/realizan-audiencia-presentacion-corrupcionexfuncionarios-pdvsa/>
<https://radiomiraflores.net.ve/caso-pdvsa-cripto-realizan-audiencia-de-imputacion-a-implicados/>



United States and claimed as a diplomat by the Venezuelan Government.⁸⁶

3/30/2023: The president of the state-owned holding company Corporación Venezolana de Guayana (CVG), Pedro Maldonado Marín, and the president of the Siderúrgica del Orinoco (SIDOR) complex, Néstor Astudillo Leal, were arrested.

03/31/2023: The Prosecutor General informed on his Twitter account about the apprehension of Jackeline Perico and José Lima, assigned to the Executive Directorate of Production of the Orinoco Oil Belt, for alleged acts of corruption related to the PDVSA-Crypto scheme.⁸⁷

4/1/2023: A video went viral through social media accounts of Olvany Gaspari Bracho, one of the women involved and accused by Prosecutor General Tarek William Saab, in the PDVSA-Crypto scheme.⁸⁸ On March 31, her home located in Acarigua, Portuguesa state, western Venezuela, was raided.

4/5/2023: In the PDVSA-Crypto case—as of this writing—, 34 people have been arrested. The list is as follows: Hugbel Roa, Joselit Ramírez Camacho, Antonio Pérez Suárez, José Agustín Ramos, Yamil Martínez, Odoardo José Bordonos, Heinrich Chapellín, Jesús Enrique Salazar, Rajiv Alberto Mosqueda, Alejandro Arroyo, Bernardo Arosio, Leonardo Torres, Jackeline Perico, José Lima, Jesús Ramírez, José Luís Silva, Gustavo Carmona, Juan Moreno, Pedro Fernández, Oscar Rojas, Jean Golman

Meyer, Cardozo González, Luis Guzmán, Miguel Irigoyen, and Fernando Bermúdez, businessman, who reportedly fled to Spain. “There is an arrest warrant against him, he is a fugitive in Spain, we are waiting for him to be handed over by Spain,” said then Tarek William Saab.⁸⁹

4/5/2023: 13 other people, mostly high-ranking officials of the Maduro administration, appeared in the early morning of April 5, 2023 before courts to be charged with corruption offenses: 1.- Pedro Maldonado (CVG president), 2.- Edgar Sánchez (VP of Planning), 3.- Felipe Contreras (vice-president of Iron and Steel), 4.- Lino Gómez (executive VP), 5.- Tulio Medina (VP of Finance), 6.- Carlos Moreno (Traffic and Customs manager), 7.-Johan Sequera Manrique (Shipping director), 8.- Isaac Mouhamad Salazar (manager of Legal Affairs), 9.- Néstor Astudillo (president of SIDOR). Also arrested and arraigned was Hugo César Cabezas Bracamontes, president of the state-owned company Cartones de Venezuela; who was, among other positions in the Chavista government, Minister of the Secretariat under Hugo Chávez, Director of SAIME, Governor of Trujillo and Director of the Alfredo Maneiro Publishing Complex.⁹⁰

4/8/2023: The Prosecutor General announced on his Twitter account that his office had requested 67 arrest warrants and 142 raids throughout the country, as new actions in the PDVSA-Crypto and CVG investigations.⁹¹

86 <https://www.wradio.com.co/2023/04/12/se-libra-una-batalla-por-el-control-politico-entre-facciones-del-chavismo-roberto-deniz/>

87 <https://twitter.com/TarekWilliamSaab/status/1641683357829308416?cxt=HHwWglCkZyUt8gtAAAA>

88 <https://puntodecorte.net/se-entrego-olvany-gaspari-bracho-una-de-las-munecas-del-petroleo/>

89 <https://talcualdigital.com/saab-informa-que-van-51-personas-detenidoas-e-imputadas-por-corrupcion/>

90 <https://efectococuyo.com/politica/detienen-e-imputan-a-hugo-cabezas-y-a-13-altos-funcionarios-de-la-cvg-por-corrupcion/>

91 https://twitter.com/TarekWilliamSaab/status/1644909387163529217?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw%7Ctwcamp%5Etweetemb%7Ctwtterm%5E1644909387163529217%7Ctwgr%5E5c3a3f4d0918f4a6e23d3c12a9cf1f8a01cda9e5%7Ctwcon%5Es1_c10&ref_url=https%3A%2F%2Fefectococuyo.com%2Fpolitica%2Ffiscalia-solicita-67-nuevas-ordenes-captura-142-allanamientos-pdvsa-cvg%2F



4/8/2023: A former SUNACRIP employee, who was supporting the development of the Petro as a digital currency, explained that on Monday afternoon, April 3, the Human Resources Department ordered the coordinators and assistants of the agency to offer their resignations if necessary.⁹²

4/11/2023: The Intervention Board of the National Superintendence of Cryptoassets (SUNACRIP) composed of Anabel Pereira Fernández, Héctor Andrés Obregón Pérez, Luis Alberto Pérez González and Julio César Mora Sánchez, ordered the temporary suspension of digital mining farms, as well as the restriction on the operations of cryptoasset exchange houses.⁹³

11/04/2023: A police source revealed to CNN the arrest of Colombian businessman Álvaro Pulido, as part of the PDVSA-Crypto case.⁹⁴

4/11/2023: The Police raided two sheds allegedly belonging to a company called Doctorminer, engaged in cryptocurrency mining activities. According to news website "Yaracuy al Día," the sheds are located in the Peña and Páez municipalities of Yaracuy state, despite the fact that the company is headquartered in Caracas, its mining farms operate in rural areas of the country.⁹⁵

4/12/2023: The Prosecutor General announced on his Twitter account that the number of officials arrested for alleged

involvement in various corruption schemes totals 58. Regarding the PDVSA-Crypto case, he informed that 53 arrest warrants and 99 raids were requested nationwide.⁹⁶

4/12/2023: Diosdado Cabello, first vice-president of the United Socialist Party of Venezuela (PSUV), informed that the director of Municipal Engineering of the Mayor's Office of Baruta, Harold Rafael Sosa Padilla, was arrested after investigations into PDVSA corruption cases. He noted that he is being investigated for the granting of permits for buildings in the Las Mercedes neighborhood, located in the Baruta municipality.⁹⁷

04/13/2023: Authorities announced the arrest of Baruta Municipality officials Harold Rafael Sosa Padilla, director of Municipal Engineering and Juan Carlos Posner Pimentel, deputy director of the Mayor's Office, allegedly involved in the "PDVSA-Crypto" scheme. Five other subjects were also arrested, including: Álvaro Enrique Pulido Vargas, financial operator, partner of Álex Saab and linked to Hugbel Roa; Pedro Alejandro Herrera Araque, financial operator and brother-in-law of Hugbel Roa; Juan Manuel Almeida Morgado, technological operator of the PDVSA-Crypto scheme; Jorge Luis Almeida Morgado, technological operator of the PDVSA-Crypto scheme; Carlos Jesús Almeida Morgado, technological operator of the PDVSA-Crypto scheme.⁹⁸ Prosecutor General Tarek William Saab informed via Twitter that these persons

92 <https://contrapunto.com/nacional/sucesos/trabajadores-de-sunacrip-nos-pidieron-no-volver-despues-de-semana-santa/>

93 <https://talcualdigital.com/allanada-granja-de-mineria-digital-tras-trama-pdvsa-cripto-y-cambios-en-la-sunacrip/>

94 <https://cnnespanol.cnn.com/2023/04/11/corruccion-detienen-venezuela-alvaro-pulido-socios-alex-saab-orix/> <https://talcualdigital.com/cnn-capturan-en-venezuela-a-alvaro-pulido-socio-de-alex-saab/>

95 <https://talcualdigital.com/allanada-granja-de-mineria-digital-tras-trama-pdvsa-cripto-y-cambios-en-la-sunacrip/>

96 https://twitter.com/TarekWilliamSaab/status/1646293066750259202?cxt=HHwWhMCz_cu059gtAAA

97 <https://talcualdigital.com/diosdado-cabello-ratifico-arresto-del-ingeniero-municipal-de-baruta>

98 <https://www.eluniversal.com/politica/153230/presentaron-siete-nuevos-involucrados-en-tramas-de-corrupcion>



would appear before the Second Control Court of Caracas. The total number of people arrested for acts of corruption has risen to 58.

A day before, Saab had stated that 18 arrest warrants have been issued and 161 raids have been carried out, without providing further details on the locations where these procedures were conducted. He explained that 99 raids had been carried out nationwide and 53 arrest warrants had been issued around the plot involving PDVSA and SUNACRIP, while in the Corporación Venezolana de Guayana (CVG) case, the raids totaled 48, plus 13 arrest warrants.

Saab added that there were three warrants against officials linked to Cartones de Venezuela and that seven raids were carried out. Also, in the plot involving the Judiciary, six arrest warrants had been issued and six raids had been carried out.⁹⁹

4/13/2023: State-owned TV station Venezolana de Televisión (VTV) reported that Juan Almeida was not present at an arraignment hearing, as the arraignment had been done at a healthcare center, “in order to safeguard his right to health.”¹⁰⁰

04/18/2023: Authorities announced the arrest and arraignment hearing of Ysmel Romer Serrano Florez, and Salem Hassoun Atrach, both involved in the PDVSA-Crypto corruption scheme, after being arrested by the National Anti-Corruption Police.¹⁰¹

4/18/2023: The Prosecutor General announced that 56 arrest warrants and 107

raids had been requested nationwide around the PDVSA-Crypto scheme. He also announced that regarding the CVG scheme, 14 arrest warrants were issued and 51 raids were made. Regarding the Judiciary plot, he reported that there were 6 arrest warrants and 6 raids. Regarding the corruption at the Mayor’s Office of Tejerías, Aragua, he mentioned one arrest warrant and one raid. The total number of arrests at that time was 61 persons under arrest, 20 arrest warrants to be enforced and 172 raids. Regarding the case of state-owned Cartones de Venezuela, Saab reported 3 arrest warrants and 7 raids across the country.¹⁰²

04/20/2023: The media revealed that Leoner Azuaje Urrea, president of Cartones de Venezuela, who had been arrested for corruption investigated by the Prosecutor General’s Office, died in prison.

4/21/2023: The Public Prosecutor’s Office announced via Twitter that the autopsy of Leoner Azuaje Urrea concluded in death by mechanical asphyxia, i.e. hanging. It was reported that the examination by the Forensics Unit of the Public Prosecutor’s Office at the site “determined that the individual hanged himself using sheets in the room where he was confined.”¹⁰³

4/28/2023: Nicolás Maduro stated that since the start of the anti-corruption operation in Venezuela, authorities have seized a total of 1,007 assets, including real estate, vehicles, offices and companies. Total assets seized include 361 “high-end” vehicles, 52 trucks, 38

99 <https://runrun.es/noticias/499439/purgamadurista-presentaron-a-otros-7-detenido-vinculados-con-tramas-de-corrupcion/>

100 <https://www.infobae.com/venezuela/2023/05/16/murio-juan-almeida-el-segundo-implicado-en-la-corrupcion-de-la-petrolera-venezolana-pdvsa-que-fallece-bajo-custodia/>

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103 <https://twitter.com/TarekWilliamSaab/status/1649504577287274498?cxt=HHwWhIC2iY7rm-QtAAAA>



luxury apartments, 28 mansions, 23 pieces of heavy machinery, 19 aircrafts, 16 offices, 13 business complexes, 9 motorcycles, 9 buses, 7 boats, 7 companies, 6 buildings, an inn, a club and “a group of weapons”.¹⁰⁴

5/15/2023: The Public Prosecutor’s Office informed of the death of Juan Almeida, who was suffering from a terminal illness diagnosed as cirrhosis of the liver. Reports claim that he was at his home at the time of death, because he had been granted house arrest as

a humanitarian measure, as he was a person of interest in the investigation into the PDVSA-Crypto scheme.¹⁰⁵

16/5/2023: A few days after its shutdown was announced, restaurant Altum was served “cautionary” measure from the National Anti-Corruption Police (PNCC), for involvement in the PDVSA-Crypto corruption scheme. According to information circulated in social media, one of Altum’s owners is Rafael Hernández, allegedly involved in this case.¹⁰⁶

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105 https://twitter.com/TarekWilliamSaab/status/1658329252872192000?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw%7Ctwcamp%5Etweetembed%7Ctwterm%5E1658329252872192000%7Ctwgr%5E8eeabfeb69615a50b3eed225d07176e03136187f%7Ctwcon%5Es1_&ref_url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.vozdeamerica.com%2Fa%2Fmuere-bajo-custodia-del-estado-otro-implicado-en-escandalo-de-corrupci%C3%B3n-en-venezuela-%2F7095294.html

106 <https://efectococuyo.com/politica/pncc-asegura-restaurante-altum-por-relacion-con-trama-de-corrupcion-pdvsa-cripto/>