

English translation of letter from Alex Saab to Oscar Lopez Rivera, former political prisoner
(translation by Ana M Lopez)

Letter dated July 26, 2022

Dear Mr. Lopez Rivera:

I hope when you receive these words finds you well. It has been truly a great honor for me to receive your support since my kidnapping. Your struggle, your determination and commitment that I have read about your life is an inspiration to me. Without a doubt you are truly a hero.

There are moments in life that one must make decisions that others think it's illogical and uncertain; they can be painful not only to us, but primarily for our families. But we make these decisions because they are the correct ones, are just and they have honor.

Any injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere for everyone and should be stopped.

I was born in Colombia. I am the son of Lebanese immigrants who were defenders of the just and noble cause of beautiful and generous Palestine. Both my parents passed away due to COVID during my kidnapping (by the USA) in Cabo Verde.

I became a Venezuelan citizen many years ago when I felt in love with the Bolivarian Revolution led by our eternal Commander Hugo Chavez Frias and continued by our beloved President Nicolas Maduro.

Human beings would feel indignation if we were to give our bodies to whomever. Nevertheless, the majority would not submit when their minds are given to the oppressor without shame.

We cannot allow for our silence to be converted into treason. We cannot allow nor consent to the actions of those that abuse and destroy the human rights of others, nor give them power over our future and over our children and future generations or make them indirect accomplices of their acts to allow them to damage others.

We cannot give-up. Giving up is not an option. The empire thinks that by torturing and abusing, it can break us and humiliate us, but the heart of a warrior /guerrilla fighter does not give-up. A better example of this is Oscar Lopez Rivera.

Thank you again for your exemplary life and support. I send you revolutionary embraces filled with admiration and profound respect.

Always loyal, Venceremos,

Alex Saab