



WOLA WEEKLY

The Latest on Latin America

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(Sergio Ortiz Borbolla/WOLA)

Dear {{FirstName or 'WOLA Supporter'}},

The past few weeks have been eventful for our Venezuela and Migration cross-cutting teams at WOLA. We were heartened by the Biden administration's decision on September 20 to re-designate and extend [Temporary Protected Status \(TPS\)](#) for Venezuelan citizens, providing much-needed relief. However, we're deeply troubled by yesterday's perplexing decision from the Department of Homeland Security to resume direct deportations of Venezuelan migrants, despite the ongoing humanitarian and human rights crisis in Venezuela. [We firmly believe](#) that the U.S. should ensure the right to due process in all deportation cases, including the right to seek international protection.

In addition, we've closely followed the upcoming elections in Venezuela and the [recent report](#) from the [UN Fact Finding Mission](#). This report underscores the deteriorating state of civic and democratic space in the country. Our program assistant, Sienna Woo, has authored a [compelling article](#) shedding light on the distressing conditions faced by women who are arbitrarily detained. They endure appalling gender-based violence, torture, and humiliation within detention centers. This issue demands our unwavering attention and concerted efforts toward achieving justice.

Our entire WOLA team has been working tirelessly, engaging with numerous media outlets, particularly on migration issues. Additionally, we're thrilled to introduce a new feature in our newsletter – weekly cultural recommendations for events in the D.C. area related to Latin America.

We thank you for your support and dedication to human rights in Latin America.

Best,

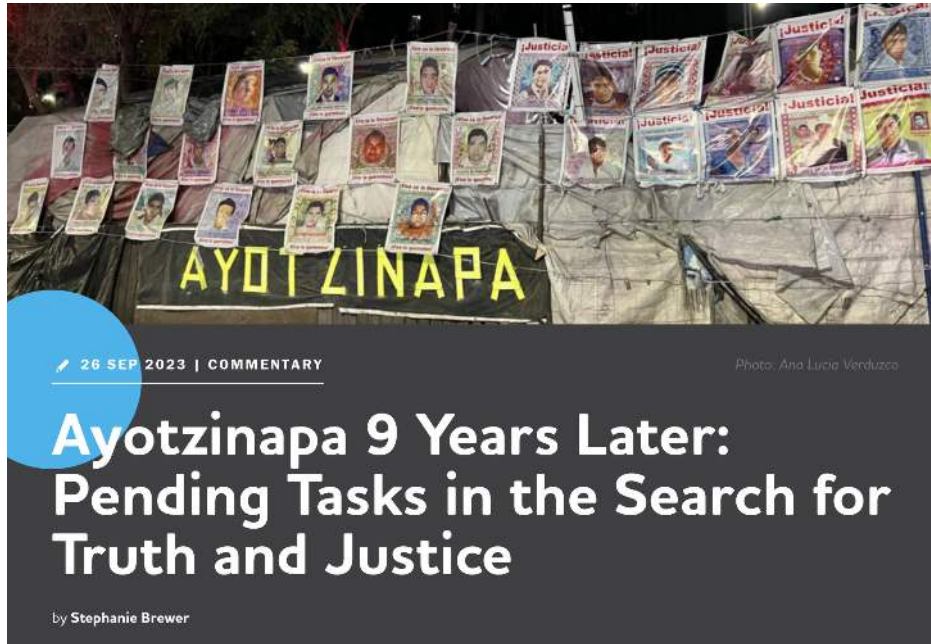


Laura Dib
Director for Venezuela

🇺🇵 WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW 🇲🇪

- 🇲🇪 In a recent [joint statement](#), WOLA, alongside partner organizations, urge the Mexican government to address the criminalization of human rights defenders in Mexico because, *"No one should be criminalized for defending human rights."*
- 🇺🇵 On October 5, the Department of Homeland Security announced that it would resume direct deportation of Venezuelan migrants. This [troubling news](#) is not only dangerous, but also, contradictory to that of the Biden administration's September 20 [decision](#) that re-designated and extended Temporary Protected Status (TPS) to Venezuelan migrants.
- ♀ 🇺🇵 This week, WOLA [examined](#) cases of sexual violence and distressing conditions against arbitrarily detained women in Venezuela, investigated by the United Nations Fact-Finding Mission.

🇲🇪 IN CASE YOU MISSED IT 🇲🇪



🇲🇪 Last week marked nine years since the enforced disappearance of 43 teaching students from Ayotzinapa. WOLA continues to follow and advocate for truth and justice for the victims and their families. Learn more [here](#).

WOLA IN THE NEWS



Maureen Meyer, VP for Programs

– *El Universal*, [Migrantes atrapados, crisis desbordada. ¿Hay solución?](#)

"I would love to see the presidents of Mexico, Colombia & Venezuela talking about the importance of the press operating in an environment free of violence and with all guarantees,"

Carolina Jiménez, WOLA President

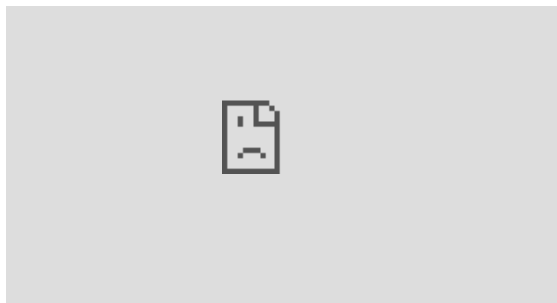
– *LA Times*, [Opinion: Struggles between Gustavo Petro and Colombia's media stir Latin American populism](#)



"This is incredibly important to the victims families [...] Those family members had to deal with the stigma of supposedly being family members of guerrillas."

Gimena Sánchez, Director for the Andes

– *AP*, [Colombia's government issues long awaited apology for extrajudicial killings during armed conflict](#)



Mariakarla Nodarse, Assistant Director for Cuba

– *VOA*, [¿A qué se debe que Cuba esté en la lista de estados patrocinadores del terrorismo?](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

JOIN US | IN-PERSON EVENT
 Thurs. October 19, 2023 | 6:00 PM EST
 National Press Club, 529 14th Street, NW, 13th floor

In the Mouth of the Wolf: A Conversation about Press Freedom in Mexico

Join us on **October 19** for a conversation between Katherine Corcoran, author of "In the Mouth of the Wolf", an account of the murder of reporter Regina Martinez in a context of violence against the press in Mexico, and Alfredo Corchado, Border and Mexico correspondent for The Dallas Morning News and author of "Homelands" and "Midnight In Mexico".

Featuring:
 Kathy Corcoran
 Author & Investigative Journalist

Alfredo Corchado
 Author & Border/Mexico correspondent
 The Dallas Morning News

Co-Sponsors:
 National Association of Hispanic Journalists, American University chapter, PBS Public Editor, Washington Office on Latin America

INTERESTED IN ATTENDING?
 RSVP to Ricardo Sandoval-Palos
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WEEKLY BORDER UPDATE

Weekly U.S.-Mexico Border Update

WOLA Border Oversight
 Advocacy for Human Rights in the Americas | Monitoring Conduct and Accountability in U.S. Border Law Enforcement

In April 2022, WOLA launched its one-of-a-kind [Border Oversight Database](#), which documents hundreds of reports of human rights violations and abuses against migrants and asylum seekers at the U.S.-Mexico border.

WEEKLY CULTURAL RECOMMENDATIONS

- **El Conde** by Pablo Larrain (Currently playing at [AFI Silver Spring](#) and on *Netflix*)
- Check out **upcoming events** at the [GALA Hispanic Theatre](#) in Washington D.C.

- WOLA Honorary Council Member, **Gina Chavez**, will be **performing live** Monday, October 9th at the [Stone Room](#) in Falls Church, VA!

JOB OPENINGS

📍 WOLA is looking for it's next **Finance and Operations Coordinator** who will support the Vice President of Finance and Operations with day-to-day bookkeeping, accounts payable and receivable, and general virtual and in-person office support.

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