

## Presidents of USA call for the release of Oscar López Rivera

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At midday today, nine US Presidents appeared in front of Puerto Rico's Capitol building wearing t-shirts that read "Freedom for Oscar Lopez NOW".

These Presidents are aligning themselves with the calls from many political, social, and religious sectors calling for the release from prison of Oscar Lopez.

This act of protest was organized by a group of persons calling for the release from prison of the Puerto Rican political prisoner. During this particular act of protest, the statues of Presidents Ford, Kennedy, Eisenhower, Hoover, Theodore Roosevelt, Franklyn Roosevelt, Truman, Johnson, and Obama wore a shirt demanding the freedom of the political prisoner that now marks 31 years in prison for his struggle in favor of Puerto Rico's freedom: Oscar Lopez Rivera.



Oscar Lopez, who turned 69 years old last January 6th, along with Carlos Alberto Torres, were the only Puerto Rican political prisoners who were not released under conditional pardon as part of a campaign for the liberation of the Puerto Rican political prisoners that occurred in 1999. "Currently, Oscar is the Puerto Rican political prisoner that has spent the most time in prison in this hemisphere", said Edwin Cortes, a former political prisoner who served 16 years for the same accusations and was released in 1999.

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