

Venezuela Recalls Colombia Envoy

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[Venezuela](#) called home its ambassador to [Colombia](#) for consultations after an exchange of insults over the weekend between President [Hugo Chávez](#) and the Colombian president, [Álvaro Uribe](#). Colombia opted not to reciprocate. The presidents' spat erupted after Mr. Uribe withdrew his support for Mr. Chávez's mediating role with the [Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia](#), or FARC, Latin America's largest rebel group. Mr. Chávez had been attempting to win the release of about 45 hostages believed held by the group, including three Americans. Concern persists for the dispute's potential impact on trade between the countries, valued at more than \$4 billion.