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### CHÁVEZ RAIDS ON IACHR FOR LEGAL ACTION AGAINST VENEZUELA

President Hugo Chávez Friday rejected the decision of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) to file a legal suit with the Inter-American Court on Human Rights against the Venezuelan State for "violations of freedom of expression, personal integrity, judicial guarantees and judicial protection of workers and reporters with (private television station RCTV)."

"The Inter-American Commission (on Human Rights) is accusing the Venezuelan State of violating freedom of expression and, even worse, this is the same Inter-American Commission that endorsed a coup d'etat against Venezuela in 2002," the Venezuelan ruler declared.

"The least I can tell this Commission is "go to hell". They cannot claim the moral high ground, and I do not mean all of its members, but some. I mean the members that belong to the powerful class that wants to destabilize the country."

Chávez claimed that freedom of expression is fully respected in Venezuela, to the extent that some people have offended his own mother on some television stations.

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