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 搜尋 Web chinapost**Venezuelans opposed to Chavez's TV station plan**

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By *Fabiola Sanchez CARACAS, Venezuela, AP*

More than two-thirds of Venezuelans oppose President Hugo Chavez's plan to kick an opposition-aligned TV station off the airwaves, many saying it will violate their right to choose what to watch, a private pollster said.

Seventy percent of 2,000 people surveyed last week opposed Chavez's decision not to renew the broadcast license of Radio Caracas Television, Caracas-based pollster Datanalisis said Thursday.

Chavez accuses the station of supporting a failed 2002 coup against him. He denies his aim is to silence a government critic, but argues the station has violated broadcast laws.

The station has challenged the move in court, but is set to go off the air at midnight May 27.

About 200 people carrying torches and lanterns marched in support of RCTV Thursday evening, weaving their way through the streets of the capital to the seat of the telecommunications watchdog, where they held a brief vigil.

Critics accuse Chavez of trampling on freedom of expression, but Datanalisis Director Luis Vicente Leon said most of those polled opposed the measure because "they reject the violation of their right to choose" what to watch on television.

The government has said it plans to create a new public service channel on the frequency.

The poll, which had a margin of error of 2.2 percentage points, showed 16.4 percent supporting Chavez's move, while 13.6 percent declined to respond.

Communication Minister Willian Lara accused RCTV of financing the poll and dismissed the results as "propaganda" issued by government opponents.

Leon rejected the accusation, telling The Associated Press that the nationwide poll, based on a random sample, was commissioned by private clients that regularly contract Datanalisis' services. Citing confidentiality agreements, he declined to name the clients but denied that RCTV was among them.



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The El Universal newspaper reported Thursday that the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, which was investigating complaints by RCTV, has found evidence of violations of free speech by the Venezuelan government and has decided to take the matter to the Inter-American Court of Human Rights in Costa Rica.

This week, the New York-based Committee to Protect Journalists said the decision has prompted some news media to soften their coverage of Chavez's government. The Belgium-based International Federation of Journalists called it a possible "disaster" for press freedom.

A separate Datanalysis survey of 1,300 people in March found that 65 percent approved of Chavez's administration, a figure virtually unchanged from that of late 2006, when he won re-election by a landslide. That poll had a margin of error of 2.7 percentage points.



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