

Inside the Nobel Peace Prize Ceremony: What You Need to Know

Venezuelan opposition leader María Corina Machado, this year's Nobel Peace Prize winner, remained in hiding, while her daughter accepted the award on her behalf.

According to the BBC, Machado's daughter, Ana Corina Sosa, delivered a message from her mother and said their reunification would take place after the ceremony.

"I am here on behalf of my mother, María Corina Machado, who has united millions of Venezuelans in an extraordinary effort," Sosa said. "Although she has not been able to be here and take part in this ceremony, I must say that my mother never breaks a promise. And that is why, with all the joy in my heart, I can tell you that in just a few hours, we will be able to embrace her here in Oslo after sixteen months..."



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As NBC News noted, Machado's speech, delivered by her daughter, reminded the world that "democracy is essential to peace." Machado also noted that: "Freedom is not something we wait for, but something we become." While Machado had made her way safely to Oslo, her path there had been one "of extreme danger." She is currently banned from leaving Venezuela and has been in hiding ever since Venezuelan leader Nicolás Maduro won his last term, presenting a threat to Machado, who opposed his regime.

When Machado won the Nobel Peace Prize, she praised President Donald Trump for his decisive actions worldwide to bring peace to warring nations.

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