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World rallies for FARC hostages' freedom

STORY HIGHLIGHTS

- More than 1 million demonstrate in Bogota on Sunday
- Sunday demonstration was second such rally on Colombia against FARC this year
- Rallies in South America, U.S., Europe, Australia call for hostages' release
- iReport.com: Marchers call for peace in Bogota

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 Demonstrators around the world demand liberation of hostages by leftist rebels. CNN's Kim Hutcherson reports.
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The story

More than a million Colombians, clad in white and shouting "No more kidnapping," marked their independence day on Sunday with marches and concerts demanding freedom for hostages still held by leftist rebels.

Demonstrators chanted "Libertad!" -- the Spanish word for freedom -- in rallies across the Andean nation and in some 40 cities abroad, including Paris, London, Miami, Beijing, Sydney and New York.

It was the second nationwide mobilization this year against the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, and its abhorred policy of kidnapping for ransom or political leverage. Latin America's last major rebel army holds dozens of hostages in Colombian jungle jails, some for more than a decade. [Read full article >](#)

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