

## Amerikanischer Kontinent

A year and a half after Raúl Castro took over as acting president in Cuba (165th), the predicted transition has in no way changed the human rights situation on the island. After China, Cuba continues to be the world's second largest prison for the press, with 24 journalists detained and subjected to very harsh prison conditions.

### **Violence and censorship in the Americas**

No journalist was killed in Colombia (126th) during the 12 months considered by this ranking. This is a first. Nonetheless, the media continue to be exposed to pressure and harassment by armed groups and paramilitaries. Cases of violence against journalists were reported in Brazil (84th) and Argentina (82nd) but the record was set by Peru (117th) with nearly 100 journalists physically attacked and many cases of threats as well.

Mexico continues to be the hemisphere's most dangerous country for the press. Eight journalists were killed there during the 12 months from September 2006. The police and judicial authorities failed to identify all those responsible and impunity continues to be rule.

In Venezuela (114th), the RCTV television station's exclusion from terrestrial broadcasting at President Hugo Chávez's behest on 27 May captured all the attention. Criticised even by some of the Bolivarian president's own supporters, the measure highlighted the extent to which the government has taken control of radio and TV.