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Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Florida, and Vice President Mike Pence listen to Maria Eugenia Tovar Aug. 23 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Doral, Florida, as she holds a picture of her daughter who was killed in 2014 during a protest in Venezuela. Pence met with members of the Venezuelan exile community, recent Venezuelan migrants, other local leaders and officials about the continuing devastation and unrest in the country. (CNS/Reuters/Joe Skipper)



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