

URGENT ACTION

DEATH THREATS FOR CAMPAIGN AGAINST FARE RISE
Mexican activist Gabriel Rivas Ríos received two anonymous telephone death threats on 9 August. He and his family are in danger.

Gabriel Rivas Ríos received two threatening phone calls on 9 August, at his home in the city of Cuernavaca, in the central Mexican state of Morelos, from a man calling from a different phone number each time. In the first call, the man said: "Slow down or I will shoot you, I already told you to slow down because I am going to kill you" (*Ya bajale de huevos porque te voy a meter un balazo, ya te dije bajale de huevos porque yo te voy a matar*). In the second call, later that day, the man said: "Stop messing about, I told you to slow down because I am going to kill you, and so that you see that I am not playing around I have left a small present at your mother's house" (*Ya parale a tu desmadre, ya te dije que le bajas de huevos porque te voy a matar y para que veas que no estoy jugando ahí te dejo un regalito en la casa de tu mama*). Gabriel Rivas Ríos has filed a formal complaint with the Morelos State Attorney General's Office (Procuraduría General de Justicia del Estado de Morelos).

That morning, Gabriel Rivas Ríos had been the spokesperson at a press conference to announce the formation of a movement against increases in public transport fares in the state, in which he issued a call to support demonstrations against the increases, planned for 16 August.

Please write immediately in Spanish, English or your own language:

- Demanding that the authorities provide effective protection to Gabriel Rivas Ríos and his family;
- Calling on them to investigate the two threatening phone calls Gabriel Rivas Ríos received, and bring those responsible to justice.
- Urging them to guarantee the right to freedom of association and freedom of expression.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS BEFORE 26 SEPTEMBER 2012 TO:

Morelos State Governor

Dr. Marco Adame Castillo
 Palacio de Gobierno
 Plaza de Armas s/n
 Col. Centro C.P. 62000 Cuernavaca
 Morelos, México
 Fax: +52 777 329 2323
 Email: gobernador@morelos.gob.mx
Salutation: Dear Governor

Morelos State Attorney General

Dr. Mario Vásquez Rojas
 Procuraduría General de Justicia
 Av. Emiliano Zapata 803, Col. Buena
 Vista, Cuernavaca, Morelos, México
 Fax: +52 777 329 1500 Ext: 1285
 Email: marenvaz@gmail.com
**Salutation: Dear Morelos State
 Attorney General**

And copies to:

Local human rights NGO

Comisión Independiente de Derechos
 Humanos de Morelos
 Email: cidhmorelos@gmail.com

Also send copies to diplomatic representatives accredited to your country. Please insert local diplomatic addresses below:

Name Address 1 Address 2 Address 3 Fax Fax number Email Email address Salutation Salutation

Please check with your section office if sending appeals after the above date.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Gabriel Rivas Ríos is the Coordinator of a social movement, the Comité de Colonias en Lucha, which is also a member of a bigger movement, Frente Unitario Estatal contra el Aumento a las Tarifas del Transporte, which campaigns against the increase of public transport fares.

Activists report frequently being subjected to intimidation, particularly where they have opposed powerful local figures. No one has been brought to justice for acts of intimidation or threats.

Name: Gabriel Rivas Ríos and his family

Gender m/f: both

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