

# URGENT ACTION

## MEXICAN PEACE ACTIVISTS ABDUCTED AND KILLED

**Two environmental activists have been abducted in Mexico. There is serious concern for their safety. This follows the recent abduction of a local community leader and activist whose body was later found showing signs of torture. All three were supporters of the Movement for Peace with Justice and Dignity (MPJD). Supporters of the MPJD are increasingly being targeted and attacked for their activities.**

On 7 December, **Eva Alarcón** and **Marcial Bautista** of the Organization of Peasant Environmentalists of the Sierra de Petatlan (Organización de Campesinos Ecológicos de la Sierra de Petatlán y Coyuca de Catalán, OCESP) were abducted from a coach travelling to Mexico City from their homes in Guerrero state. Armed men boarded the bus and identified the two by name, then forced them off the bus at gun point. The authorities have initiated an investigation, but their whereabouts remain unknown. Eva Alarcón and Marcial Bautista were supporters of the Movement for Peace with Justice and Dignity (Movimiento por la Paz con Justicia y Dignidad, MPJD). They were on route to Mexico City to take part in meetings with other MPJD activists.

In a separate incident on 6 December, 12 MPJD activists from Mexico City visited the Nahuatl Indigenous community of Santa María Ostula in Michoacán state to observe community measures to resolve a land conflict which has left more than 27 people dead since 2009. According to reports, armed men ambushed the activists and abducted 73 year-old community leader from Santa María Ostula and MPJD supporter, **Trinidad de la Cruz Crisóforo**. On 7 December, his body was found. He had been shot and apparently subjected to torture. The ambush took place shortly after a Federal Police officer who was providing protection to the group left the group. MPJD is reviewing its security measures.

### Please write immediately in Spanish or your own language:

- Call for the whereabouts of Eva Alarcón and Marcial Bautista to be established and their safety ensured;
- Express concern for the safety of MPJD activists and for the authorities to guarantee their safety so they can continue their activities;
- Calling for a full, impartial and prompt investigation into the abduction and killing of Trinidad de la Cruz Crisóforo in Santa María Ostula on 6 December

### PLEASE SEND APPEALS BEFORE 20 JANUARY 2012 TO:

#### Minister of the Interior

Dr. Alejandro Poiré Romero  
Secretaría de Gobernación  
Bucareli 99, 1er. piso, Col. Juárez  
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Salutation: Dear Minister

#### Attorney General of the Republic

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Salutation: Dear Attorney General

#### And copies to:

National Human Rights Commission  
Comisión Nacional de los Derechos Humanos de México  
Email: [correo@cndh.org.mx](mailto:correo@cndh.org.mx)

Centro Nacional de Comunicación Social,  
A.C Email: [cencos@cencos.org](mailto:cencos@cencos.org)

Also send copies to diplomatic representatives accredited to your country.

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

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### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Movement for Peace with Justice and Dignity was founded by the poet Javier Sicilia whose son was killed by criminal gang. He has led a national campaign to end violence, human rights violations and impunity that have become endemic in many parts of Mexico. Many victims of the violence and human rights violations have joined the movement.

Name: Eva Alarcón; Marcial Bautista; Trinidad de la Cruz Crisóforo;

Gender m/f: Eva Alarcón (f). Marcial Bautista (m), Trinidad de la Cruz Crisóforo (m)

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