



Juan Almonte Herrera  
Dominican Republic

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## JUAN ALMONTE HERRERA'S STORY

On 28 September 2009, witnesses saw Juan Almonte being detained by police officers while walking to his office in Santo Domingo. The police have always denied arresting him. Three years after his disappearance, the authorities have failed to fully investigate his fate and whereabouts. As a consequence, nobody has been brought to justice for his disappearance.

Juan Almonte was an accountant and a member of the Dominican Committee of Human Rights. Since his disappearance, his relatives and lawyers have reported being watched by police. They have been followed by people in cars and watched from the street in front of their house. Juan's sister

received anonymous telephone calls asking her to stop publicizing her brother's disappearance. The authorities have not provided protection for the family.

### Show solidarity with Juan Almonte's family

You can send a message to Juan Almonte's wife, Ana Montilla.

Ana Montilla  
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Philadelphia  
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USA

Suggested message:

"No olvidamos a Juan Almonte Herrera, a los que sufren por su ausencia y a los que trabajan para descubrir la verdad sobre su desaparición."

("We have not forgotten Juan Almonte Herrera, those who suffer because of his absence and those who work hard to find out the truth about his disappearance.")

### Write to the President

- Urge the authorities to establish the fate and whereabouts of Juan Almonte Herrera.
- Call for a full, impartial and independent investigation into his enforced disappearance, and for his family and lawyers to receive adequate protection from threats and harassment.

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