

URGENT ACTION

MEXICAN HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS FACE THREATS

Two human rights defenders in Tehuacán, Puebla state, Mexico, have been threatened. They have been representing staff in an industrial dispute. They are at risk of further threats and intimidation.

On 4 October **Rodrigo Santiago Hernández** was threatened by an unidentified man. He has been representing workers at a clothing factory who have tried to pursue a complaint for unfair dismissal. Rodrigo Santiago Hernández was attending a meeting with the factory workers when the man approached him and said: "You're still fucking around right? I already told you asshole, stop getting involved! You'll be worth nothing for playing the hero! I already told you bastard, if you carry on fucking around with the dispute you'll be nothing". (*"¿Sigues chingando la madre verdad?, ¡Ya te dije cabrón, deja de meterte en pedos! ¡Vas a valer verga por andar de héroe! ¡Ya te dije puto, si sigues chingando con la demanda vas a valer madres!"*).

Rodrigo Santiago Hernández was previously threatened by the same man on 15 July. The man said: "So you think you're hard? Let's see how hard, keep it up and you'll be worth nothing". (*"¿A poco si muy chingón?", "¡Vamos a ver si muy chingón, síguete haciéndole al chingón y vas a valer verga!"*).

Amnesty International is also concerned for the safety of Rodrigo Santiago Hernández's colleague, **Reyna Ramírez Sánchez**. She also represents the workers in the labour dispute. Both Rodrigo Santiago Hernández and Reyna Ramírez Sánchez are members of the Workers Collective for Dignity (Colectivo Obreras Insumisas, AC)

Please write immediately in Spanish or your own language:

- Call for the immediate implementation of protection measures for Rodrigo Santiago Hernández and Reyna Ramírez Sánchez in accordance with their wishes.
- Call for a full, prompt and impartial investigation into the threats against Rodrigo Santiago Hernández and for those responsible to be brought to justice;
- Call on the authorities to implement an effective protection programme for all human rights defenders at risk in consultation with civil society as stipulated in the presidential agreement signed on 6 July 2011.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS BEFORE 2 DECEMBER 2011 TO:

Minister of the Interior

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Salutation: Dear Minister

Governor of Puebla State

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Send copies to:

Obreros Insumisas del Valle de
Tehuacan Puebla (Local NGO that
supports the two defenders)
Email: rockdrigo.mailbox@gmail.com

Also send copies to diplomatic representatives accredited to your country.

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

Name: Rodrigo Santiago Hernández and Reyna Ramírez Sánchez

Gender m/f: male and female

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