

URGENT ACTION

CAMPAIGNER'S FAMILY IN DANGER AFTER KILLING

Peace and justice campaigner Nepomuceno Moreno Núñez was killed on 28 November in the city of Hermosillo in northwestern Mexico. He appears to have been killed after seeking justice for his son, who was subjected to possible enforced disappearance. The family of Nepomuceno Moreno Núñez are in danger.

Nepomuceno Moreno Núñez, a leading member of the Mexican peace campaign, the Movement for Peace with Justice and Dignity (Movimiento por la Paz con Justicia y Dignidad) was shot several times while driving down a central street in Hermosillo, in Sonora state. In October, armed men had visited his home, telling him that he would be killed if he continued to demand justice for his son, Jorge Mario Moreno León, who was abducted in Ciudad Obregon, Sonora state, in July 2010. Local police are believed to have been involved in the abduction.

Nepomuceno Moreno Núñez had joined the Movement to campaign on the case of his son, and other alleged victims of abuses by criminal gangs and security forces in Mexico. He had met with senior government officials, including Mexico's president, Felipe Calderon. In addition to demanding justice for the victims of such abuses, he had called on them to investigate his son's abduction, and to provide protection for his family. No protection has been provided.

Nepomuceno Moreno Núñez had spent four years in prison awaiting trial on criminal charges, before being acquitted in 2009. However, senior state officials have claimed that Nepomuceno Moreno Núñez's killing was connected to his supposed criminal links. Amnesty International is concerned that the Sonora state authorities are unwilling or unable to carry out a full and impartial investigation into Nepomuceno Moreno Núñez's killing or effectively guarantee the protection of his family.

Please write immediately in Spanish or your own language:

- Urging the federal authorities to guarantee and protect Nepomuceno Moreno Núñez's family in accordance with their wishes;
- Calling for a full, prompt and impartial investigation into the killing of Nepomuceno Moreno Núñez, and into the abduction of his son, Jorge Mariano Moreno León, in July 2010 and for those responsible to be brought to justice;
- Reminding the authorities of their obligation to ensure that human rights defenders can carry out their legitimate work without fear of reprisal, as established in the 1998 UN Declaration on Human Rights Defenders.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS BEFORE 12 JANUARY 2012 TO:

President of Mexico
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Salutation: **Dear President Calderon**

Attorney General of the Republic
Marisela Morales Ibáñez
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Col. Cuauhtémoc, Del. Cuauhtémoc
México D.F., C.P. 06500, México
Fax: +52 55 5346 0908 (keep trying and ask for "fax")
Email: mmoralesi@pgr.gob.mx
Salutation: **Dear Attorney General**

Secretary of Public Safety
Ing. Genaro García Luna
Secretaría de Seguridad Pública
Constituyentes n° 947
Edif. "B" planta alta
Col. Belén de las Flores
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México D.F., C.P. 01110, México
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Salutation: **Dear Secretary**

And copies to: Mexican human rights organization: Centro Nacional de Comunicación Social, A.C Email: 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

Sonora state, along with many other northern states, has witness a surge killings and abduction as well as human rights violations by the security forces. Impunity remains the norm for virtually all these crimes. The government's policy of militarized combat with the drugs cartels, escalating violence affecting wide sections of the population and constant impunity is the context in which the Movement for Peace with Justice and Dignity emerged.

Name: Family of Nemopuceno Moreno Núñez

Gender: m & f

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