

URGENT ACTION

HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANISATION AT RISK

On 22 July, the home of Dora Roblero, Director of the Fray Bartolomé de Las Casas Human Rights Center (CDH Frayba) in San Cristóbal de las Casas, Chiapas, was raided by unknown people. We urge the Ministry of the Interior and the Federal Protection Mechanism for Human Rights Defenders and Journalists to immediately guarantee the safety of Dora Roblero and members of CDH Frayba, and the State General Attorney Office of Chiapas to investigate the events occurred on 22 July, as well any other attacks against them.

TAKE ACTION: WRITE AN APPEAL IN YOUR OWN WORDS OR USE THIS MODEL LETTER

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Dear Ministry of Interior,

I am writing to you to express my deep concern about the recent attacks against Ms. Dora Roblero, Director of the Fray Bartolomé de Las Casas Human Rights Center (CDH Frayba) which occurred on 22 July. According to information received by Amnesty International, that day, when Dora arrived at her home, she found the front door forced open, among other signs of a break in. She immediately activated emergency measures through the Protection Mechanism for Human Rights Defenders. However, according to Dora, their response was slow and ineffective.

This is not an isolated attack. The CDH Frayba has reported more than 51 incidents, including harassment, intimidation, and surveillance against members of the human rights organization over the past 11 months. Despite this, the CDH Frayba denounces that Mexican authorities have not yet granted them with effective protection measures nor investigated the attacks. Since 2010, the staff of the FrayBa Center has been the beneficiary of precautionary measures granted by the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR), which calls on the Mexican State to address the situation of risk in which they find themselves. However, these measures have not been sufficient to safeguard their integrity.

We demand the Mechanism for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders implements all measures to guarantee the safety of Dora and members of CDH FrayBa; fully comply with the precautionary measures issued by the IACHR; and investigate these attacks to bring those responsible to justice.

Yours sincerely,

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Chiapas is among the states facing the most serious challenges for the Mexican State. It ranks among the highest in [poverty, violence, and internal conflicts](#).

Human rights defenders working in Chiapas are also at serious risk. [The Mexican Center for Environmental Law](#) (CEMDA, acronym in Spanish), in its 2025 report, noted that Chiapas ranks third in terms of attacks against environmental rights defenders. In the last five years, the organization documented 587 incidents of aggression, 1,428 specific attacks, and 112 lethal attacks in Mexico. The federal entities that recorded the most incidents of aggressions during those years are Oaxaca with 97 incidents of aggression, Mexico City with 56, Chiapas with 50, Jalisco with 48, and Chihuahua with 38.

In 2024 and 2025 to date, [the Observatory for Human Rights Defenders in Chiapas](#) has documented 156 attacks against human rights defenders.

The work carried out by [CDH Frayba](#) since 1989 has been crucial in documenting and exposing serious human rights violations in the state. Due to the high risk they have been facing, in 2010, the IACHR granted to members of the human rights organisation precautionary measures. Considering the most recent attacks reported by members of CDH Frayba, the security measures implemented by Mexican authorities so far, are not sufficient to guarantee their safety.

On 26 April 2025, [Amnesty International](#), as well as other civil society organizations have already spoke out against stigmatizing statements made by the former President of Mexico Andrés Manuel López Obrador against CDH FrayBa

PREFERRED LANGUAGE TO ADDRESS TARGET: Spanish. You can also write in your own language.

PLEASE TAKE ACTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE UNTIL: 12 December 2025

Please check with the Amnesty office in your country if you wish to send appeals after the deadline.

NAME AND PRONOUN: Dora Lilia Roblero García (she/her)

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