

URGENT ACTION

IMPRISONED ACTIVIST'S HEALTH AT RISK IN MEXICO

Social activist Adela Gómez Martínez's health is at risk while she is in a prison in El Amate de Cintalapa, Chiapas State, Mexico. There is fear for her safety and that the detention could be a reprisal for her activism.

Amnesty International has learned that **Adela Gómez Martínez** has not received adequate health care during her detention in the state prison (Centro de Reinserción Social de Setenciados No.14, CERSS No14). Adela Gómez Martínez suffers a serious and chronic illness affecting her bones which requires specific medical treatment. She also has a second-degree burn to her left hand which she suffered prior to her arrest. She has apparently not had sufficient medical attention for either condition.

On 15 August, Federal and municipal police carried out the arrest, without presenting a warrant, of Adela Gómez Martínez, her partner **Noé Hernández Caballero**, their children **Tania Itzel Rincón Gómez** and **Pavel Marx Hernández Gómez** in front of the family house. Tania Itzel Rincón Gómez and Pavel Marx Hernández Gómez were released later but during the arrest they reported being beaten, insulted and threatened by the police members. One police officer told them: "Do not get involved. If you do, you know what? You will go to hell" (*No se metan, si no, ¿saben qué? Se le va a cargar la chingada*). Tania Itzel Rincón Gómez also reported having been sexually assaulted by a woman police officer while she was in detention.

Adela Gómez Martínez and Noé Hernández Caballero are members of the Popular Power National Organization (Organización Nacional del Poder Popular, ONPP), a grass roots organization. On 8 August the ONPP and other grass roots political organization in Chiapas held a demonstration, blocking an international bridge, demanding actions from the government of Chiapas state. On the day of the arrests, the authorities cancelled a meeting with Noé Hernández Caballero and Adela Gómez Martínez and brought charges of rioting and extortion against Adela Gómez Martínez and Noé Hernández Caballero apparently in relation for the protest of 8 August.

Please write immediately in Spanish or your own language:

- Urging authorities to guarantee the medical care that Adela Gómez Martínez requires to treat her medical condition while she is in detention;
- Urging them to order a full, prompt and impartial investigation into the arrest on 15 August of Adela Gómez Martínez, Noé Hernández Caballero, Tania Itzel Rincón Gómez, Pavel Marx Hernández Gómez, and allegations of ill-treatment and threats received during their detention.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS BEFORE 6 NOVEMBER 2013 TO:

Governor of Chiapas State

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Salutation: Dear Governor

Minister of Interior

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Secretario de Gobernacion
Bucareli 99, col. Juárez, Cuauhtemoc,
Distrito Federal, C.P. 6600, México
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Salutation: Dear Minister

And copies to:

Centro de Derechos Humanos Fray
Bartolomé de Las Casas, A.C.
Calle Brasil 14, Barrio Mexicanos
29240 San Cristóbal de Las Casas
Chiapas, México
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Also send copies to diplomatic representatives accredited to your country. Please insert local diplomatic addresses below:

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

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The ONPP is a social organization that was established in 2006. It coordinates around 10 different groups which demand actions from local authorities, for example on access to resources, financial assistance, social projects and land issues affecting indigenous and peasant communities, as well as release of prisoners belonging to their organizations.

Name: Adela Gómez Martínez (f), Noé Hernández Caballero (m), Tania Itzel Rincón Gómez (f), Pavel Marx Hernández Gómez (m)

Gender m/f: both

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