

# URGENT ACTION

## ECUADORIAN LAND ACTIVIST'S LIFE AT RISK

Ecuadorian land activist, Milton Yulan, is at serious risk after his colleague Marlon Lozano was shot in the head on 20 July and died on the following day. It is believed that the attack was directed at Milton Yulan. Milton Yulan is the national coordinator of Land and Life (Tierra y Vida) a local organization working on land rights of peasant (*campesino*) communities and small rural producers.

Marlon Lozano, who was a member of Land and Life (Tierra y Vida), was shot in the head on 20 July as he arrived at the offices of the organisation by two masked men in motorbikes in Guayaquil city, Ecuador. That same day **Milton Yulan** who is the organization's national coordinator noticed that he was being followed home by a pick-up truck. It is believed the attack was aimed at Milton Yulan.

Both men have been working on projects which aimed at giving land to peasant (*campesino*) communities and small rural producers. This attack seems to be a part of a campaign of harassment and intimidation that these leaders have been suffering because of their work.

### Please write immediately in Spanish or your own language:

- Express concern for the physical safety of Milton Yulan, calling on the authorities to ensure protection measures are put in place for him with his input
- Urge the authorities to fully and impartially investigate the killing of Marlon Lozano and to bring those responsible to justice
- Remind the authorities to fulfil their obligations to ensure human rights defenders can carry out their work without fear, as set out in the 1998 UN Declaration on Human Rights Defenders.

### PLEASE SEND APPEALS BEFORE 20 AUGUST 2011 TO:

Fiscal General del Estado  
Dr. Galo Chiriboga Zambrano  
Av. Eloy Alfaro 32-250 y  
República  
Quito  
Fax: +593 2 2222538 (call first  
and request fax signal by saying  
'tono por favor')  
**Salutation: Sr. Fiscal**

Jose Serrano  
Benalcázar N 4-24 y Espejo  
Quito  
Pichincha  
Fax: +593 2 258 0067 (Wait until  
fax signal is given)  
**Salutation: Sr. Ministro**

### Add copies to:

Comité Permanente por los  
Derechos Humanos  
Billy Navarrete Benavides  
Quisquis 1207 y Esmeraldas,  
Edificio Quisquis 80, 4 Piso,  
Oficina 403.  
Guayaquil  
09-01-4128  
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Fax: + 5934-2293931 / + 5934-  
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Ministerio del Interior

Also send copies to diplomatic representatives accredited to your country. . Please insert local diplomatic addresses below:

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

Name: Milton Yulan.  
Gender m/f: Male

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