

URGENT ACTION

ADELA GÓMEZ MARTÍNEZ RELEASED FROM PRISON

Social activist Adela Gómez Martínez has been released from prison after 64 days in detention. Her partner and fellow activist, Noé Hernández Caballero, remains in custody in El Amate de Cintalapa, Chiapas State, Mexico.

Adela Gómez Martínez was released from prison on 18 October after the judge stopped her prosecution. According to the judge's record, Adela Gómez Martínez's release is absolute and took immediate effect. Adela Gómez Martínez has publicly thanked those who supported her during her detention. However, on 3 November, she reported that her car broke down after its engine had apparently been tampered with. This happened while Adela Gómez Martínez and family members were visiting her partner, **Noé Hernández Caballero**, in prison.

The release of Adela Gómez Martínez shows recognition of her arbitrary arrest and the unfair judicial process against her. Amnesty International has been informed that her access to medical treatment improved after appeals were sent following the first urgent action on her behalf. However, Noé Hernández Caballero, who was arrested at the same time in connection with a protest their organization held, remains in prison and faces charges of riot and extortion (*motín y extorsión*). Amnesty International remains concerned regarding the fairness of his prosecution and trial and will continue to monitor the situation and take further action if necessary.

There is no further update to the aggression by police against their children, **Tania Itzel Rincón Gómez** and **Pavel Marx Hernández Gómez**, during the operation to detain their parents.

No further action is requested at this time from the UA network. Many thanks to all who sent appeals.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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.

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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