

# URGENT ACTION

## CHILEAN PRISONERS END HUNGER STRIKE

**Four Chilean prisoners who had been on hunger strike since 15 March have now ended their strike.**

**Héctor Llaitul, Jonathan Huillical, José Hueniche and Ramón Llanquileo**, who are of Mapuche ethnic origin, began a hunger strike on 15 March in protest against the use of anti-terrorist legislation against them. They also alleged violations of due process.

The four prisoners, decided to stop their hunger strike on 9 June following a meeting with Concepción Archbishop. As a result of the meeting, a Commission for the rights of the Mapuche people was created.

On 22 March, the Cañete Penal Court had sentenced them to between 20 and 25 years' imprisonment for robbery with intimidation and a failed homicide attempt of a deputy prosecutor and serious injuries of police personnel. On 3 June, the Chilean Supreme Court partially annulled the initial ruling and reduced the sentences to between 14 to 10 years' imprisonment.

**Many thanks to all who sent appeals. No further action is requested by the UA Network.**

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