

URGENT ACTION

PROCEEDINGS AGAINST WOMEN DEFENDERS DISMISSED

In January 2025, the Attorney General's Office of Mexico (FGR) notified women human rights defenders Ana Lorena Delgadillo, Marcela Turati and Mercedes Doretti that the proceedings against them were dismissed.

NO FURTHER ACTION IS REQUESTED. MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO SENT APPEALS.

In 2016, staff of the Specialized Sub-Attorney General's Office for Organized Crime Investigation (SEIDO) of the Attorney General's Office of Mexico (PGR), now the Specialized Prosecutor's Office for Organized Crime (FEMDO) of the Attorney General's Office of Mexico (FGR), illegally investigated and used targeted surveillance against human rights defenders Ana Lorena Delgadillo, Marcela Turati, and Mercedes Doretti, in relation with their work with relatives of missing migrants in San Fernando, Tamaulipas. Although the investigation and surveillance date from 2016, it is unknown whether they continued until 2024.

In the report [Persecuted: Criminalization of Women Human Rights Defenders in Mexico](#) published in 2024, Amnesty International documented how SEIDO staff of the PGR diverted resources from the investigation of one of the most serious human rights violations, known as "the graves of San Fernando" or "San Fernando II", to carry out targeted surveillance against Ana Lorena, Marcela and Mercedes for the alleged offences of organized crime and kidnapping. Surveillance against them raises fears that they may have been targeted for their human rights work and their critical opinions of the government. In doing so, the Mexican state violated the rights to privacy, freedom of expression, non-discrimination and due process, as well as the right to defend human rights.

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We believe that the public campaign requesting FGR to close any investigation against them that stems from their human rights work contributed to bringing attention to the situation, therefore, to the positive results.

NAME AND PREFERRED PRONOUN: Ana Lorena Delgadillo (she/her); Marcela Turati (she/her); Mercedes Doretti (she/her)

THIS IS THE SECOND AND FINAL OUTPUT FOR UA 47/24

LINK TO PREVIOUS UA: <https://www.amnesty.org/en/documents/amr41/8075/2024/en/>