

CHILE

RODRIGO MUNDACA AND MEMBERS OF MODATIMA

Attacked for protecting water rights

Since 2012, Rodrigo Mundaca has protected the right to water of communities in an arid region of central Chile, despite death threats, physical attacks and spurious legal challenges.

He is a spokesperson for the Defence Movement of Earth, Environmental Protection and Access to Water (MODATIMA), an NGO that denounces the illegal water extraction by powerful politicians and businesses and works with rural communities affected by water scarcity in Petorca Province.

In March 2015, unidentified men attacked Rodrigo from behind, and in March 2017 his life was threatened. The authorities have filed four criminal cases against him, all in relation to his human rights work. Other MODATIMA

‘There are colleagues that don’t go out into the street because they’re afraid. All of those that have been on the front lines against water theft have suffered from these situations.’

Rodrigo Mundaca

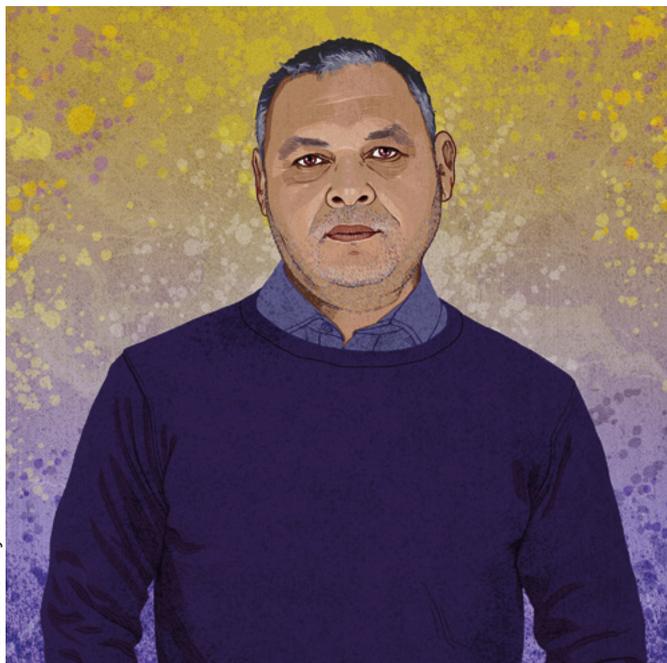


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members have also been threatened and attacked, and some are now too scared to leave their homes. Many have lost their jobs because of their campaigning, and face serious obstacles in finding new ones.

SEND A MESSAGE OF SUPPORT AND SOLIDARITY

Rodrigo Mundaca
Correos de Chile – La Ligua
Calle Esmeralda
La Ligua, Región de Valparaíso
Chile

- » **Language:** Spanish or English
- » **Suggested message:** Dear Rodrigo – we stand with you in your important work.

CAN I

- » Send a religious card or message? **No**
- » Send an Amnesty card or mention Amnesty? **Yes**
- » Include my name and address? **Yes**

SEND AN APPEAL LETTER

Urge the Minister of Interior and Public Security to provide effective protection for Rodrigo Mundaca and all other members of MODATIMA.

- » **Write to:**
Mario Fernández Baeza
Ministerio del Interior y de Seguridad Pública
Palacio de la Moneda
Santiago de Chile, Chile
- » **Salutation:** Dear Minister/Estimado Señor Ministro
- » **In your letter:** Urge the minister to provide effective protection for Rodrigo Mundaca and other members of MODATIMA at risk, in accordance with their wishes. Call on him to publicly recognise the importance and legitimacy of human rights defenders working on land, territory and the environment.

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