



# Take Action for Shackelia and Rodrigo



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We hope you will feel inspired to take action on all of our campaigns but remind you that all actions are optional.

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[www.amnesty.org.uk/youth](http://www.amnesty.org.uk/youth)

## YOUTH GROUP ACTION

### IN A NUTSHELL

This month we are asking you take action for two individual cases that you may have already worked on as part of Write for Rights 2017 - Shackelia Jackson from Jamaica and Rodrigo Mundaca from Chile. Both cases need your support at the moment. See below for details of each case and, as usual, we welcome any creative approaches to your campaigning. Do [get in touch](#) if you have any ideas that you'd like to run by us.

### TAKE ACTION FOR SHACKELIA JACKSON



Shackelia Jackson is a human rights defender from Jamaica, who speaks out against the unlawful killings by police and the impunity in her country that prevents families from getting justice for their loved ones. Since the day that her brother, Nakiea, was shot by police, Shackelia has fought for those responsible to be held to account. [Read more about her case here](#). Shackelia's is only one of a number of such cases in Jamaica, her fight resonating with many other families in the country.

### Write for Rights 2017

Many of you wrote letters of solidarity and support for Shackelia during last year's Write for Rights campaign. You also called on Prime Minister Andrew Holness to protect Shackelia and her family and urgently reform the legal system to support families like hers to receive justice. The amount of solidarity that Shackelia received was overwhelming – [read her blog](#) to hear about what your support meant to her and her ability to keep fighting for justice.

### 15 March: International Day Against Police Brutality

As you receive this, a delegation of Amnesty representatives, along with Shackelia, will be travelling to Jamaica. They hope to meet with Prime Minister Holness, marking the International Day Against Police Brutality, where they will be handing in actions and petitions from around the world gathered throughout Write for Rights.

## **YOUTH GROUP ACTION**

Please take further action on Shackelia's case and make sure that Prime Minister Holness hears our call. Write to him and call for justice for Shackelia and her family.

### **Suggested text:**

Dear Honorable Andrew Holness,

On 20th January 2014, Nakiea Jackson was shot dead by the police in Kingston. Since then his family has suffered intense intimidation from the police and faced an unresponsive legal system.

But Nakiea's sister, Shackelia Jackson, continues her campaign to bring those responsible for the killing to justice.

I urge you to:

- Ensure Shackelia and her family are protected from police harassment.
- Urgently reform the legal system to ensure justice for Shackelia and other relatives of people allegedly unlawfully killed by the police.

### **Address to send letters to:**

Prime Minister Andrew Holness  
Office of the Prime Minister  
1 Devon Road  
Kingston 10  
Jamaica

## **YOUTH GROUP ACTION**

### **TAKE ACTION FOR RODRIGO MUNDACA AND MODATIMA**



This World Water Day (22nd March), take action in support of Rodrigo Mundaca and the Defence Movement of Earth, Environmental Protection and the Access to Water (MODATIMA) in Petorca Province, Chile.

***‘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

In an arid region of central Chile, Rodrigo Mundaca defends community access to water and exposes its illegal extraction by politicians and businesses. A spokesman for MODATIMA, a non-governmental organisation that aims to protect people’s right to water, Rodrigo has received death threats, been physically attacked, and taken to court. Between 2012 and 2015, the Chilean authorities started four criminal cases against Rodrigo for exposing illegal water extraction in Petorca Province. Other MODATIMA members have faced legal action, death threats, and attacks. Many are afraid to leave their houses.

Campaigning by activists like you around the world has already had an impact on Rodrigo’s situation. He and his colleague Verónica from MODATIMA were summoned to testify at a hearing on Thursday 25 January in a case that was opened following MODATIMA making a complaint about death threats. Rodrigo believes this new hearing was a result of Amnesty’s campaigning: before our efforts, the case was completely paralysed. However, since Rodrigo and Verónica testified, there has been no news from the prosecution. Rodrigo has little faith in the investigation.

Rodrigo Mundaca and MODATIMA are one of 5 cases that Amnesty UK are campaigning with and for as part of our Brave campaign for Human Rights Defenders. Find out more about the campaign here: <https://www.amnesty.org.uk/issues/human-rights-defenders>

## **YOUTH GROUP ACTION**

### **TAKE ACTION: SOLIDARITY**

Tell Rodrigo and other members of MODATIMA that you stand in solidarity with them in their fight to defend their community's access to water.

#### **Send cards and letters to:**

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

You could also play this film in your meeting before you write the solidarity messages:

[https://youtu.be/1H\\_Rdn7c8HM](https://youtu.be/1H_Rdn7c8HM)

### **TAKE ACTION: WRITE TO THE CHILEAN EMBASSY IN THE UK**

Tell the Chilean Embassy in the UK about the action you've taken in solidarity with Rodrigo and MODATIMA and why. Urge the Chilean Embassy in the UK to use their influence to allow Rodrigo Mundaca and MODATIMA to be able to continue their human rights work free from threats, harassment and intimidation.

Call on them to provide effective protection for Rodrigo Mundaca and all other MODATIMA members at risk, in consultation with them, and in accordance with their wishes. Ask them to publicly recognise the important and legitimate work of human rights defenders working on land, territory and environment issues

#### **Send your letters to the following address:**

His Excellency Mr Rolando Drago  
Embassy of Chile  
37-41 Old Queen Street  
London  
SW1H 9JA