

# WRITE FOR RIGHTS

## PHILIPPINES

### Alfreda Disbarro



#### PUNCHED IN THE FACE AND BEATEN WITH A CLUB

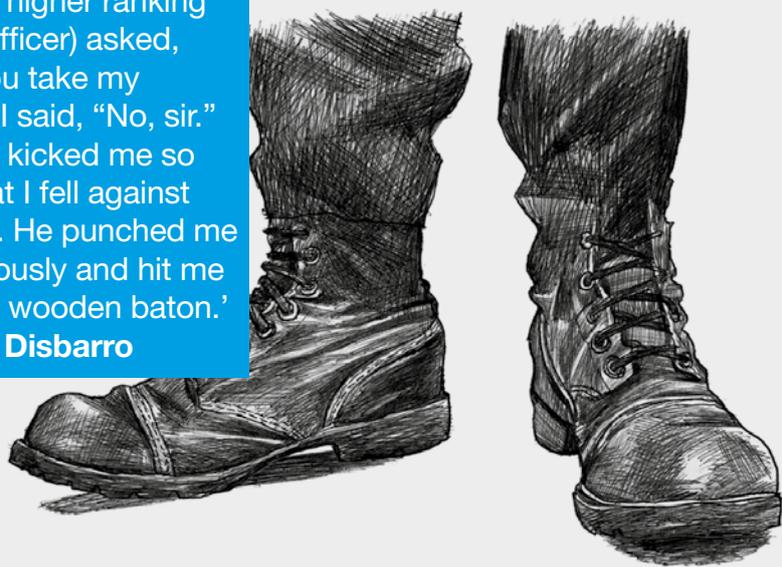
On 3 October 2013 Alfreda Disbarro was tortured by police in Parañaque City, Manila, Philippines, after being arrested at an internet café. She was kicked and beaten repeatedly, including with a police baton and a metal bar, suffering serious injuries as a result.

Over the following days, Alfreda Disbarro was in a lot of pain, had difficulty breathing and kept vomiting. During this period the police photographed her with three \$100 bills and a sachet of drugs.

Alfreda, a single mother of two, is currently in detention, accused of selling and possessing illegal drugs, charges she strongly denies. She says that the police have fabricated evidence against her, and forced her to sign a blank piece of paper.

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

‘He (the higher ranking police officer) asked, “Can you take my kicks?” I said, “No, sir.” He then kicked me so hard that I fell against the wall. He punched me continuously and hit me with the wooden baton.’  
**Alfreda Disbarro**



#### SEND A SOLIDARITY CARD TO:

Alfreda Disbarro  
New Paranaque City Jail  
P. Dandan Street  
Brgy. La Huerta  
Paranaque City  
1700 Metro Manila  
Philippines

- **Preferred language** English or Filipino
- **Salutation** Dear Alfreda
- **Suggested message** You are in our thoughts, and we hope that you are safe. You have been so brave to report your experience. Be strong and continue fighting for justice.
- **Additional information** 10 November is the anniversary of the Philippine Anti-Torture Act of 2009.

#### CAN I

- Send a religious card or message?
- Send an Amnesty card or mention Amnesty?
- Include my name and address?
- Download the message in another language?

#### SEND AN APPEAL LETTER TO:

**Urge the Acting Inspector General to investigate allegations of torture and other ill-treatment suffered by Alfreda Disbarro.**

**Write to:** Police Director Alexander Roldan  
Acting Inspector General  
Internal Affairs Service  
Philippine National Police Compound  
Camp General Crame  
Quezon City  
Metro Manila  
Philippines 1100

**Email:** [iaspd@pnp.gov.ph](mailto:iaspd@pnp.gov.ph)

**Salutation:** Dear Inspector General

#### In your letter:

- Call on the authorities to open a prompt and thorough investigation into Alfreda Disbarro's allegations of torture and other ill-treatment.
- Urge that if they are confirmed, the case is referred for public prosecution and immediate action is taken against police officers involved or complicit in the torture.