

PERU

MÁXIMA ACUÑA

Family at risk of forced eviction

Máxima Acuña, a subsistence farmer, is standing up against one of the world's biggest gold and copper mines. The Yanacocha mining company wants to throw Máxima off the land she has owned and lived on for over 20 years.

Máxima and her family have been repeatedly harassed and physically attacked by Yanacocha security personnel and the police. Her daughter was beaten unconscious and their dog stabbed. Their crops have been destroyed, and their movements restricted.

In 2011 Yanacocha claimed Máxima was squatting and a lengthy legal battle ensued. She was initially stripped of the land, but it was later returned. The company has challenged the court's decision, and forced eviction remains a serious risk.

Despite these traumas, Máxima refuses to give up, and her bravery earned her the 2016 Goldman Prize, the world's most respected environmental award.

SEND A SOLIDARITY CARD TO:

Máxima Acuña
c/o Amnistía Internacional Peru
Calle Manuel A. Fuentes N° 894
San Isidro
Lima 27
Peru

■ **Language:** Spanish

■ **Salutation:** Sra. Máxima

■ **Suggested message:** Sra. Máxima, Usted no está sola. Desde Reino Unido yo apoyo su lucha para proteger a su familia y defender los derechos humanos. En solidaridad. (Sra. Máxima, You are not alone. From the UK I support your struggle to protect your family and defend human rights. In solidarity.)



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Máxima likes to sing. You could record yourself singing or playing music and send it to iar@amnesty.org.uk.

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SEND AN APPEAL LETTER:

Urge Minister of Interior Carlos Basombrío to protect Máxima Acuña and her family from forced eviction, harassment and intimidation.

Write to: Minister of Interior Carlos Basombrío
Ministro del Interior
Plaza 30 de Agosto s/n Urb.
Corpac – San Isidro
Lima
Peru

Fax: +511 418 4030

Email: dm@mininter.gob.pe
sg@mininter.gob.pe

Twitter: @CarlosBasombrio @MininterPeru

Salutation: Dear Minister

In your letter: Tell him to protect Máxima Acuña and her family from forced eviction, harassment and intimidation. Urge him to guarantee their freedom of movement and access to the land where they live. Order a prompt, thorough and impartial investigation into the attacks, make the results public, and bring those responsible to justice.

'I will never kneel before Yanacocha.'

Máxima Acuña

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