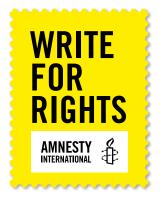
# MÁXIMA ACUÑA

### 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 Nº 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.)



#### **GET CREATIVE**

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

#### **CANI**

Send a religious card or message?

Send an Amnesty card or mention Amnesty?

✓ Include my name and address?

#### **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: +511 418 4030 dm@mininter.gob.pe

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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

