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BRAZIL

Laísa Santos Sampaio

DEATH THREATS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CAMPAIGNER

Laísa Santos Sampaio, a member of a group that promotes sustainable development in Nova Ipixuna municipality in Pará state, has been the target of persistent death threats since 2011.

In May 2011 her sister and brother-in-law, both prominent environmental campaigners, were shot dead by contract killers. Two men were convicted in April 2013, but a third man who allegedly ordered the killings was acquitted and lives in the same community as Laísa. Other individuals closely associated with the three are also present in the community, and Laísa believes they are responsible for the threats she received.

Laísa is one of the most high-profile critics of illegal logging and charcoal burning in her region, but receives little or no protection from the authorities. She currently remains outside her community for safety reasons.

■ www.amnesty.org.uk/laisa



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SEND A SOLIDARITY CARD TO:

Laísa Santos Sampaio
c/o José Batista Gonçalves Afonso
Rua Barão do Triunfo, 3151
Bairro Marco
Belém, PA
CEP 66093-050

- **Preferred language** Portuguese or English
- **Salutation** Dear Laísa (Prezada Laísa)
- **Suggested message** We support your actions to defend the environment and your struggle to seek justice for your sister and brother-in-law (Nós apoiamos sua luta em defesa do meio ambiente e sua busca por justiça por sua irmã e cunhado).

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'I live in fear. I am frightened by the slightest noise, but I have to continue my work.'

Laísa Santos Sampaio

SEND AN APPEAL LETTER TO:

Urge Secretary of Human Rights Maria do Rosário to protect Laísa Santos Sampaio and investigate the threats she has received.

Write to: Sra. Ministra Maria do Rosário
Secretaria de Direitos Humanos
Setor Comercial Sul
Edifício Parque da Cidade Corporate
Quadra 9, Lote C, Torre A, 10º andar
CEP: 70.308-200
Brasília/DF
Brasil

Email: direitoshumanos@sdh.gov.br

Salutation: Dear Minister (Exma. Sra. Ministra)

In your letter:

- Urge the Secretary of Human Rights to ensure Laísa Santos Sampaio is protected and free to pursue her human and environmental rights work.
- Ask her to conduct a thorough and impartial investigation into the threats against Laísa.
- Call on her to tackle the endemic criminality behind the conflict over land and natural resources, and protect communities that are at risk.