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MEXICO

Miriam López

TORTURE SURVIVOR FIGHTING FOR JUSTICE

In February 2011, moments after dropping off her children at school, Miriam Isaura López Vargas was grabbed by two men wearing balaclavas. She was tied up, blindfolded and driven to a military barracks in the city of Tijuana.

For the following week she was raped repeatedly by soldiers, who tortured her until she signed a statement falsely implicating herself in drug offences. She was sent to prison to await trial, but was released without charge seven months later.

Although Miriam has identified some of the perpetrators and their accomplices, no-one has been brought to justice for the torture and sexual violence she suffered.

■ www.amnesty.org.uk/miriam



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SEND A SOLIDARITY CARD TO:

Miriam López
Comisión Mexicana de Defensa y Promoción de los
Derechos Humanos
Tehuantepec 142
Col. Roma Sur, C.P. 06760
Mexico City
Mexico

- **Preferred language** Spanish or English
- **Salutation** Dear Miriam (Estimada Miriam)
- **Suggested message** I support you wholeheartedly. Please keep up the struggle. In solidarity (Te envío todo mi apoyo y mi solidaridad. Fuerza, sigue adelante).
- **Additional information** You can also show solidarity with Miriam by 'liking' and leaving a message, photo or short video on her Facebook page: bit.ly/miriamlopez

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- ✗ **Send a religious card or message?**
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'They put a wet cloth over my face, when I tried to breathe I felt the wet cloth, it became difficult to breathe, I then felt a stream of water up my nose, I tried to get up but couldn't because they had me held down by my shoulders and legs... someone was pressing down on my stomach, they did this repeatedly as they kept on asking the same questions.' **Miriam Lopez**

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SEND AN APPEAL LETTER TO:

Urge Federal Attorney General Jesús Murillo Karam to urgently investigate the torture of Miriam López and bring those responsible to justice.

Write to: Jesús Murillo Karam
Federal Attorney General
Procuraduría General de la República
Paseo de la Reforma 211-213
Col. Cuauhtémoc, C.P. 06500
Mexico City
Mexico

Email: ofproc@pgr.gob.mx

Salutation: Dear Attorney General
(Estimado Señor Procurador)

In your letter:

- Express concern about the torture suffered by Miriam López at the hands of soldiers and federal officials in February 2011.
- Urge the Attorney General to carry out a full, prompt and impartial investigation into Miriam's torture, make the results public, and bring those responsible to justice.

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