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# MEXICO Claudia Medina Tamariz







#### BEATEN, KICKED AND GIVEN ELECTRIC SHOCKS

On 7 August 2012 marines broke into Claudia Medina Tamariz's house in Veracruz City. The mother of three was blindfolded and taken to a local naval base, where she was beaten, kicked and given electric shocks.

She was accused of being a member of a violent criminal gang, which she denies. She was forced to sign a 'confession' she wasn't allowed to read.

In court she retracted her statement and described the abuse she suffered in detention. Most of the charges against her were dropped, and she was released on bail, but there are still two outstanding charges against her.

A judge ordered the Federal Attorney General's Office to investigate the allegations, but to date no one has been held to account for Claudia's torture. She is still waiting for justice.

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'To everyone who has been tortured by an authority figure, do not keep quiet, speak out, so that – all united – our voices are heard. Enough with impunity.'

Claudia Medina

**Tamariz** 



## SEND A SOLIDARITY CARD TO:

Claudia Medina Tamariz
Centro de Derechos Humanos 'Miguel Agustín Pro Juárez'
Serapio Rendón No. 57-B
Colonia San Rafael,
Delegación Cuauhtémoc
06470

06470 México DF Mexico

- Preferred language Spanish
- Salutation Estimada Claudia
- Suggested message Spanish: Te envío mi solidaridad por la difícil situación que has tenido que vivir desde 2012. Quiero que sepas que estoy contigo y que te apoyo en la lucha que has decidido emprender. Con afecto y admiración. (I send you my solidarity for the difficult situation that you have had to live in since 2012. I want you to know that I am with you and that I support you in your fight for justice. With affection and admiration.)

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### **SEND AN APPEAL LETTER TO:**

Urge Federal Attorney General Jesús Murillo Karam to carry out a full investigation into the torture allegations.

Write to: Federal Attorney General Jesús Murillo Karam

Procuraduría General de la República Av Paseo de la Reforma 211-213 Col. Cuauhtémoc

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**Fax:** +52 55 5346 0908 (keep trying, and ask for 'fax')

**Email:** ofproc@pgr.gob.mx

Salutation: Dear Attorney General

#### In your letter:

- Call on the Federal Attorney General to investigate the alleged torture and ill-treatment suffered by Claudia Medina, make the results public and bring those responsible to account.
- Urge him to ensure the investigation includes the two medical examinations carried out by independent forensic experts and the National Human Rights Commission.

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