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GUATEMALA

Yolanda Oquelí



ACTIVIST INJURED IN SHOOTING

Yolanda Oquelí is the leader of the Frente Norte del Área Metropolitana (FRENAM), a group formed to protest against the damage caused by a gold mining project in their community. She and her fellow FRENAM members have been the victims of harassment, vandalism and death threats, simply for raising concerns about the lack of consultation from the state and mining company and how mining will affect local water sources.

On 13 June 2012, Yolanda was shot and seriously injured as she travelled home from a peaceful protest outside a mine site. No one was arrested for this attack. In July 2013 gun shots were fired near the protest site.

She has filed several complaints with the Public Prosecutor's Office, about the threats and harassment that she and her fellow activists have experienced, but they remain at risk.

■ www.amnesty.org.uk/yolanda



'Defending life, making heard the voice of the children who don't know the challenges they face – that's what gives me the strength to continue fighting, despite everything I have suffered.'
Yolanda Oquelí

SEND A SOLIDARITY CARD TO:

Yolanda Oquelí (FRENAM)
Colectivo MadreSelva
6 avenida "A"
0-26 zona 2
Ciudad de Guatemala
Guatemala

NB: Include nature images, especially of streams and lakes, to reflect Yolanda and her colleagues' desire to protect the environment, because a vital part of their campaign is about protecting water sources.

- **Preferred language** Spanish or English
- **Salutation** Dear Yolanda/Estimada Yolanda
- **Suggested message** I am sending this message of solidarity to you and all FRENAM activists to wish you success in your human rights work, and to let you know you are not alone, we are with you!
- **Additional information** 24 November is the anniversary of the issuing of the exploitation licence for the El Tambor mining project.

CAN I

- ✓ **Send a religious card or message?**
- ✓ **Send an Amnesty card or mention Amnesty?**
- ✓ **Include my name and address?**
- ✓ **Download the message in another language?**

SEND AN APPEAL LETTER TO:

Urge President Otto Perez Molina to thoroughly investigate the attack on Yolanda Oquelí and bring those responsible to justice.

Write to: Otto Perez Molina
Presidente de la República
Casa Presidencial
6ª Avenida 4-41, Zona 1,
Puerta del Centro
Ciudad de Guatemala
Guatemala

Fax: +502 2221 4423
Online: www.facebook.com/ottoperezpp
www.twitter.com/ottoperezmolina

Salutation: Dear President

In your letter:

- Urge the President to open investigations into attacks on Yolanda Oquelí and her colleagues, and bring those responsible to justice.
- Call on him to provide protection measures for her and her family as long as they require them.
- Ensure the safety of all activists at the mine protest site so they can carry out their work without fear of further attacks or threats.