

URGENT ACTION

ACTIVIST RECEIVES DEATH THREAT

Activist and radio presenter, Filiberto Vicente Aquino, received a death threat on 20 March after covering a press conference about the opposition to the construction of a wind farm near San Mateo del Mar, in the Tehuantepec Isthmus, Oaxaca State. Others opposing the wind farm have also been temporarily detained.

On 20 March activist and community radio presenter, **Filiberto Vicente Aquino**, received a threat by telephone. The caller, who identified himself, said, "The government does not want people like you, I have been given the order to end with you and your family (...*El gobierno ya no quiere personas como tu, yo ya tengo ordenes de expresas de acabar contigo y con tu familia*). This threat occurred after members of indigenous communities opposing the construction of the wind farm in the district held a press conference, which was covered by Filiberto Vicente Aquino. Filiberto Vicente Aquino had heard rumours that he was going to be targeted since he started to cover the local conflict. He has filed a formal complaint against the person responsible for the threat with the Oaxaca State Attorney's General Office (Procuraduría General de Justicia del Estado de Oaxaca, PGJE).

On 18 March, community members **Héctor Rangel Salazar, Efraín Fonseca Moctezuma, Samuel Villaseñor Bustillo, and Álvaro Gongora Templado** were arrested while campaigning against the wind farm construction. They were released hours later. A formal complaint has been filed for this aggression with PGJE. On 21 March, municipal police and other men illegally detained journalists **Rosa Rojas, Francisco Olvera, David Henestrosa, Ignacio Garrido, Karina Martínez** and **Eliseo Ramírez**. One of San Mateo's community leaders, **Eleazar Infante Fiallo**, was also arrested. The journalists were released after several hours; however, Eleazar Infante Fiallos was only released after state police intervened. The office of the Oaxaca State human rights Ombudsman has requested protection measures for seven of those detained, including three journalists and three activists.

Please write immediately in Spanish, English or your own language:

- Urging the authorities to guarantee the safety of Filiberto Vicente Aquino, Eleazar Infante Fiallos, Héctor Rangel Salazar, Efraín Fonseca Moctezuma, Samuel Villaseñor Bustillo, and Álvaro Góngora Templado and other members of communities protesting against construction of wind farms in the Tehuantepec Isthmus and ensure that journalists are able to cover the situation without fear of reprisals or illegal detention;
- Urging them to carry out a full, prompt and impartial investigation into the threat against Filiberto Vicente Aquino and illegal arrests of 18 and 21 March and bring those responsible to justice;
- Urging them to ensure that the free, prior and informed consent of indigenous communities affected by the wind farm is obtained on the basis of reliable and accurate information on the impacts of the project, that the existing legal order suspending construction is upheld, and that police respect the rights of the communities to protest peacefully.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS BEFORE 8 MAY 2013 TO:

Minister of the Interior

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**Salutation: Dear Minister/Sr.
Secretario**

Governor of Oaxaca State

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**Salutation: Dear Governor/Sr.
Gobernador**

And copies to:

Local human rights organization
Comité de Defensa Integral de Derechos
Humanos Gobixha AC
Email: contacto@codigodh.org

Also send copies to diplomatic representatives accredited to your country.

Please check with your section office if sending appeals after the above date.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Some members of the indigenous communities living in Oaxaca State are opposed to the wind farm being built on their land. There are large-scale wind farm projects under development in the municipalities of San Dionisio del Mar, San Mateo del Mar, and Alvaro Obregón y Juchitán. Members of the community opposed to the projects argue that there has not been an adequate consultation process to obtain their free, prior and informed consent in line with the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and they are concerned about the impact of the construction on their agriculture, land, and livelihoods. As a result of their opposition, they have been subject to threats and intimidation for several months.

Amnesty International has reported previous threats and violence in other nearby communities again those opposing the construction of wind farm turbines in the Tehuantepec Isthmus. In previous months, the organization has denounced threats received by Lucila Bettina Cruz Velázquez, members of the communities of Alvaro Obregón and San Dionisio del Mar in Oaxaca State, and local human rights defenders protesting against the construction of wind farms.

For more information please see:

UA 28/13 (AMR 41/004/2013), <http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/AMR41/004/2013/en>

FU UA 62/12 (AMR 41/013/2012), <http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/asset/AMR41/013/2012/en/03349cf0-bee8-48cd-ad07-c700f9af0d7b/amr410132012en.html>

FU UA 315/11 (AMR 41/069/2011), <http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/AMR41/069/2011/en>

Name: Filiberto Vicente Aquino (m), Héctor Rangel Salazar (m), Efraín Fonseca Moctezuma (m), Samuel Villaseñor Bustillo (m), Álvaro Gongora Templado (m), Rosa Rojas (f), Francisco Olvera (m), David Henestrosa (m), Ignacio Garrido (m), Karina Martínez (m), Eliseo Ramírez (m), Eleazar Infante Fiallo (m), and other community members of San Mateo del Mar
Gender m/f: both

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