

# URGENT ACTION

## PROTESTERS SENTENCED TO TWO MONTHS IN PRISON

**Despite calls by their lawyers, the trial against people detained in anti-government demonstrations in Quito went ahead. Those charged accepted responsibility and received reduced sentences of two months in prison.**

On 2 October a judge decided that the trial against more than 60 people detained in anti-government demonstrations in and around the secondary school Instituto Nacional Mejía, in Quito, the capital, on 18 September would go ahead, including 53 detainees that denounced torture and ill-treatment. The prosecutor accused 38 of the detainees of being accomplices and 16 as direct actors, charged with “damage to other people’s property” (*daños a bien ajeno*).

All those charged decided in consultation with their families and defence counsel to accept responsibility for their actions in order to obtain a reduction in their sentences. They were all sentenced to two months in prison.

**No further action is requested of the UA Network. Many thanks to all who sent appeals.**

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