

# URGENT ACTION

## VENEZUELAN CARTOONIST THREATENED

**Rayma Suprani, cartoonist and journalist with independent newspaper El Universal, began receiving threats on 18 March.**

Renowned Venezuelan cartoonist and journalist, **Rayma Suprani**, has been receiving threats and insults via mobile phones and social media. The attack started on 18 March, when she received a barrage of threatening text and voice messages from at least 30 different mobile numbers between 5pm and midnight. She has continued to receive threats since then. One of the threats said “damned coup-plotter, we will crush you” (*maldita golpista, te vamos a aplastar*); another said “bitch, lesbian, you will pay” (*puta, lesbiana, vas a pagar*).

Rayma Suprani believes that this is a coordinated attack as a result of her work as a political cartoonist and journalist with El Universal. She filed a complaint with the Attorney General’s office (*Fiscalía General de la República*).

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

- Calling on the authorities to order an independent, thorough and impartial investigation into the threats against Rayma Suprani, publish the results and bring those responsible to justice;
- Urging them to take effective measures to protect Rayma Suprani in accordance with her wishes.

### **PLEASE SEND APPEALS BEFORE 7 MAY 2013 TO:**

#### Minister of Justice and Interior

Néstor Luis Reverol Torres  
Ministerio del Poder Popular para  
Relaciones Exteriores y Justicia  
Avenida Urdaneta Esquina de Platanal  
Edificio Interior y Justicia Despacho del  
Ministro, Piso 3, Caracas, Venezuela  
Fax: + 58 212 506 1111 (if someone  
answers say “me da tono de fax, por  
favor”)

**Salutation: Señor Ministro/  
Dear Minister**

#### Attorney General of the Republic

Dra. Luisa Ortega Díaz  
Fiscalía General de la República  
Edificio Sede Principal del Ministerio  
Público,  
Esquinas de Misericordia a Pele El Ojo  
Avenida México, Caracas, Venezuela  
Email: [ministeriopublico@mp.gob.ve](mailto:ministeriopublico@mp.gob.ve)  
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**Salutation: Dra. Fiscal / Dear  
Prosecutor**

#### **And copies to:**

Amnesty International  
International Secretariat  
1 Easton Street  
London WC1X 0DW  
Email: [ecupeve@amnesty.org](mailto:ecupeve@amnesty.org)

**Also send copies to diplomatic representatives accredited to your country. Please insert local diplomatic addresses below:**

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

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### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Rayma Suprani reportedly received threats via email and Twitter in March 2012, after a presenter with a state TV channel criticised one of her illustrations. In 2011, she also reported receiving threats via Twitter after she published a caricature, which showed a cable and a rope connecting Venezuela and Cuba. One of the threats said “We will use that rope on you, betrayer, yankee lover, traitor of Venezuela” (*Esa sogá t [te] la vamos a poner a ti X [por] apátrida, X pitianqui, X desleal a Vzla [Venezuela]*).

Name: Rayma Suprani

Gender m/f: f

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