

#JusticeforBerta

URGENT ACTION!

Berta Cáceres was assassinated in Honduras this past Thursday, March 3, 2016.

She was an Indigenous Lenca leader, and the coordinator and co-founder of the National Council of Popular and Indigenous Organizations of Honduras.

She was recognized nationally and internationally as an environmentalist who fought for Indigenous rights. Last year she was awarded the prestigious Goldman Environmental Prize, the highest international recognition for environmental activists.

Berta was also instrumental in leading protests against the 2009 coup that overthrew the democratically elected government in Honduras. Since the coup the human rights situation in Honduras has deteriorated as human rights defenders and social movement leaders are routinely killed and systematically criminalized.

Recently Canada implemented a Free Trade Agreement with Honduras despite opposition from civil society and labour organizations. The deal provided diplomatic and economic backing to an undemocratic government responsible for widespread human rights abuses, political violence that has generated massive inequality.



Call on the Canadian government to condemn the murder, and to call on the Honduran government to support an independent, international investigation.

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#SecurityforGustavo

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Gustavo Castro Soto is a Mexican citizen. He is the only witness in the assassination of indigenous leader **Berta Caceres** and sustained two bullet wounds in the attack.

The Honduran government has forced him into exhausting hours of interrogation and has prohibited him from leaving the country.

Gustavo's life is in extreme danger and it is imperative he be given safe passage to Mexico as soon as possible.



Gustavo is a well-known environmental campaigner and coordinator of Friends of the Earth Mexico. He and his organization have worked closely with Berta and COPINH, the organization Berta founded and led.

**Contact the Honduran Embassy
in Ottawa to demand that:**

Gustavo be allowed to leave Honduras as soon as possible and be guaranteed safe passage to Mexico.

Honduran Embassy in Canada

Email: ambassador@embassyhonduras.hn

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