Schrijfactie Equatoriaal-Guinee:

activist afgesneden van de buitenwereld



Op 13 August 2024 werd Equatoriaal-Guinese mensenrechtenactivist Joaquín Elo Ayeto overgebracht naar een gevangenis voor politieke gevangenen. Sindsdien heeft niemand meer iets van hem vernomen. Ayeto werkt voor de mensenrechtenorganisatie Somos+, die volgens de autoriteiten niet geregistreerd is. Daarom wordt hij beschuldigd van illegale activiteiten. Een poging om hem het zwijgen op te leggen.

Bij zijn arrestatie leed Ayeto aan malaria en tyfus. Zijn familie maakt zich grote zorgen, maar krijgt geen informatie over zijn gezondheid.

Wat kun jij doen?

Schrijf vóór 1 december 2025 een brief aan de president van Equatoriaal-Guinee en vraag om de onmiddellijke vrijlating van Joaquín Elo Ayeto.

Verzonnen aanklacht

Ayeto werd op 1 augustus 2024 gearresteerd, kort nadat hij met de Franse ambassadeur sprak over mensenrechtenschendingen op het eiland Annobón als gevolg van de mijnbouw daar. Als lid van een oppositiepartij en mensenrechtenorganisatie wordt hij voortdurend lastiggevallen, mishandeld en vastgezet op basis van verzonnen aanklachten.

Schrijfactie Mexico:

directeur mensenrechtenorganisatie in Mexico bedreigd



Dora Roblero is de directeur van Frayba, een mensenrechtenorganisatie in Chiapas, Mexico. Chiapas is een gevaarlijke plek. Sinds 2010 hebben Roblero en haar collega’s recht op bescherming van de overheid. Dat komt omdat hun werk gevaarlijk is. Op 22 juli kwam Roblero thuis. Ze zag dat haar voordeur kapot was en dat er was ingebroken. Ze vroeg meteen om hulp via een speciaal noodplan. Maar volgens haar was de reactie traag en onvoldoende.

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Geen op zichzelf staande aanval

Frayba heeft in 11 maanden meer dan 51 problemen gemeld. Medewerkers worden lastiggevallen, bedreigd en gevolgd. Toch doet de Mexicaanse overheid nog te weinig. De aanvallen worden niet goed onderzocht en de mensen worden niet goed beschermd.

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I urge you to ensure the immediate release of Joaquín Elo Ayeto. Until then, he must be granted access to his family, legal counsel, and urgent medical care, in full compliance with international human rights standards.

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Dear Ministry of Interior,

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I urge the Mechanism for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders to implement all necessary measures to guarantee the safety of the members of CDH Frayba, in full compliance with the precautionary measures issued by the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights in 2010. In addition, I urge you to investigate these attacks and to bring those responsible to justice.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Yours sincerely,

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