



Laureates:

Mairead Maguire, Ireland (1976)
Rigoberta Menchu Tum, Guatemala (1992)
Jody Williams, USA (1997)
Shirin Ebadi, Iran (2003)
Leymah Gbowee, Liberia (2011)
Tawakkol Karman, Yemen (2011)

Laureates call on Honduras to fully investigate murder of Berta Cáceres

The Nobel peace laureates of the Nobel Women's Initiative stand in solidarity with the family, friends and colleagues of Berta Cáceres, the indigenous Honduran human rights defender who was assassinated in her home on March 3.

The Nobel Women's Initiative has long known Berta and supported her work. We admire and deeply value her contributions in protecting indigenous people's human rights, including their land rights in Honduras, and her leadership in promoting social justice and democratic values.

We call on the Honduran government to support an independent and thorough investigation into Berta's death, and to guarantee the protection of her family and colleagues, in particular the activists working with the Council of Popular and Indigenous Organizations of Honduras (COPINH). COPINH has been protesting the construction of the Agua Zarca dam in the community of Río Blanco and Berta has been threatened many times for her leadership in opposition to the dam.

We also state our unambiguous support for and acknowledgment of the efforts of the Mesoamerican Initiative for Women Human Rights Defenders and other regional and women's networks to mobilize quickly and efficiently to protect and defend the rights of women human rights defenders such as Berta Cáceres. Clearly we all must redouble our efforts in support of women human rights defenders to help ensure that she has not died in vain.

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