Justice & Freedom!

Pablo Alavez López

Imprisoned indigenous environmentalist

Seven months have passed since our Zapotec brother **Pablo López Alavez was kidnapped by hooded and armed men in the presence of his family** (August 15, 2010). **A day later, Pablo was imprisoned** in the jail of Villa de Etla, under criminal file 102/2007, in which the crime of homicide is fabricated against him.

Pablo López Alavez is a member of San Isidro Aloapam, a Zapotec community of the Sierra Juárez, who **has distinguished himself in defending the community forest against invasions by woodcutters of the municipality of San Miguel Aloapam, acting in complicity with state agencies.**

One of the most blatant illustrations of the refusal of Oaxaca's judicial authorities to do justice in this case is the fact that they rely on the testimony made by Flavio Mendez Santiago against Pablo. **Flavio Mendez is 29th on the list of the most sought-after Mexican criminals and is an alleged leader and founder of the criminal group Los Zetas**. Based on this and other grave irregularities, the Human Rights Commission of Oaxaca issued the recommendation CDDH/1191 / (06) / OAX/2010 on Pablo's case, citing evidence of "violations of the human rights of [Pablo López Alavez]."

The family of Pablo López Alavez and the Popular Indigenous Council of Oaxaca "Ricardo Flores Magón" stand firm in defence of our brother. Together we have organized the **International Solidarity Campaign with Pablo López Alavez,** and we ask you, brothers and sisters, members of the Other Campaign, human rights advocates, environmentalists, men and women of good heart, to support us from your homes by sending letters by fax, mail, or e-mail, making phone calls to authorities, and helping us organize events & activities in support of our brother.

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