

Attorney General of Guatemala / Fiscal General de Guatemala  
Public Prosecutor's Office / Ministerio Público  
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Guatemala

Dear Attorney General,

I call for the immediate and unconditional release of the Maya Q'eqchi activist Bernardo Caal Xol. He was convicted and imprisoned without any evidence that he committed a crime. He was persecuted for his peaceful actions to protect the land and waters that his people depend on.

International law requires consultation with indigenous peoples about development of their land, but their interests were disregarded in the construction of power plants on the Cahabón river. Bernardo Caal Xol objected, and he suffered in prison as a consequence.

I urge you to drop all charges against Bernardo and free him immediately.

Sincerely,