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Dear President Hernández

MURDER OF TRADE UNION LEADER JORGE ALBERTO ACOSTA

On November 16, 2019, two men shot and killed Jorge Alberto Acosta in a billiard parlour just four blocks from his house in La Lima, Cortes, Honduras. Jorge, 62, was a union leader for SITRATERCO, the oldest union in the country, which represents Chiquita banana workers.

Acosta's assassination follows ongoing threats against SITRATERCO officials over a long period, in which the Government of Honduras failed to respond to requests from the union for protection. This is just one in a recent brutal wave of killings, threats, kidnappings, beatings, torture, and disappearances of labour and social movement activists in Honduras, directed at Afro-Indigenous women, LGBTQI activists, campesinos, trade unionists, independent journalists, opposition political activists, and many others.

We, the undersigned, call on the Government of Honduras to fully investigate and prosecute the intellectual and material authors of this crime and to provide protection to Jorge's family and SITRATERCO union leaders.



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