

Free Nestora Salgado

Indigenous leader & political prisoner



Protest

**at the
Mexican Consulate
532 Folsom St., San Francisco
(between 1st and 2nd Streets, near
Montgomery/Market BART & Muni)**

International Human Rights Day
Tuesday, Dec. 10, 11am-1pm

Protest the jailing of Nestora Salgado, a naturalized U.S. citizen and leader of her indigenous community in Olinalá, in the state of Guerrero, Mexico. Over the last four years, Salgado, a grandmother, made numerous trips from her residence in Renton, Washington to deliver clothing and supplies to the desperately poor residents of her hometown.

In the process, she became the leader of an indigenous police force which defended her community from criminals and unscrupulous public officials. Under the Mexican Constitution and a Guerrero state law, indigenous groups have the right to form such organizations. As the leader of the Olinalá community police, she angered local officials who falsely charged her with kidnapping and sent her to a maximum security federal prison 2,000 miles from home. There she has been denied much needed medical attention and time with her lawyer and family.

Since her arrest, the Mexican government has maintained over 1,000 federal troops and state police in Olinalá to prevent residents from exercising their right to protest Salgado's detention.

- **Allow Salgado access to medical care and visits by her family and attorney while her case is reviewed!**
- **End the military occupation of Salgado's hometown of Olinalá and the state of Guerrero!**
- **Respect indigenous rights!**

To endorse or for more info, call Freedom Socialist Party at 415-864-1278

About Nestora Salgado



Seattle-area resident Nestora Salgado is a political prisoner who has been wrongfully incarcerated in El Rincon, a high security detention center in Nayarit, Mexico, for crimes she did not commit. She is a fighter for rights of indigenous people in the state of Guerrero, Mexico.

Acting under a Mexican law that upholds the rights of indigenous people to form their own local law enforcement, Nestora organized a community police force in her home town of Olinalá with the initial support of the governor of Guerrero. Community policing is employed to defend residents from criminals who force young girls into prostitution and selling drugs, as well as using rape as a form of social control. The force also addressed gender issues like domestic violence.

Salgado was arrested by federal police on August 21, 2013, on bogus kidnapping charges. This occurred after community police officers exercised their legal authority to arrest the town sheriff for tampering with evidence relating to the assassination of two local farmers, and stealing property from the deceased.

Previously, as coordinator of the Olinalá community police, Salgado issued a press release giving details of the mayor's ties to organized crime and government corruption in Guerrero.

The widespread emergence of community police in Mexico's poorest areas has led to attempts by officials to suppress them through arbitrary arrests, death threats, and denial of social services and benefits to their supporters.

Nestora Salgado is being punished for being a strong female leader in her hometown, where the local authorities have become oppressors of her people and social justice fighters.

Until recently, prison authorities denied Salgado phone calls to her family and lawyer. She is now confined to her cell and deprived of badly needed medications and exercise.

Nestora Salgado is innocent and the U.S. government should take action to obtain her release from prison immediately.

To help organize the Dec. 10 protest or line up a media interview with Salgado's family, please contact Toni at 415-730-2917 or baFSP@earthlink.net