

A portrait of Juan López, a man with a goatee and mustache, wearing a dark blue button-down shirt with a small white star on the chest and a small yellow logo on the left chest. He is looking slightly to the right. The background is a light green map of Central America with a grid of latitude and longitude lines.

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A photograph of a lush green landscape in Honduras, showing rolling hills and a river winding through the valley. The sky is overcast with grey clouds.

DEFENDER OF RIVERS AND FORESTS MURDERED

Juan López

📍 Honduras

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Juan López was a loving father and husband. A spiritual leader, he practised his faith by serving his community, always supporting the most vulnerable. He loved chatting with friends over coffee, dancing and spending time by the sea with his family. Friends described him as a dreamer.

Since 2015, Juan tirelessly defended his local environment in northern Honduras from mining and energy projects which have threatened local rivers, forests and the Carlos Escaleras Mejía National Park. Local communities fear that the projects put the surrounding ecosystem and water quality at serious risk.

Juan and fellow activists founded the Tocoa Municipal Committee for the Defence of Common and Public Goods to peacefully challenge the legality of the projects. But their efforts have been met with harassment, threats and criminalization. Many committee members have been arrested and imprisoned. Some have been killed.

On 14 September 2024, Juan was shot dead in his car by a masked gunman as he left church. The alleged shooter and two alleged accomplices have been charged with murder and are being held in pretrial detention. Those who ordered Juan's murder have not been held accountable.

Demand justice for Juan López.

WRITE TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Demand that they ensure a prompt, independent and impartial investigation into the killing of Juan López to identify all those responsible for the crime, including those who ordered the murder, and to bring them to justice in fair trials.

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SHOW JUAN'S FAMILY AND COMMUNITY THAT THE WORLD IS WITH THEM

Send messages of solidarity to show Juan's family and community that you support them in their fight for justice. Rivers and nature were so important to Juan – you could include drawings of these alongside your messages.

ADDRESS: Family and community of Juan López
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