

CALL to SUPPORT the
INTERNATIONAL EMERGENCY COMMITTEE
TO DEFEND THE LIFE OF ABIMAEEL GUZMAN (IEC)

On September 12th, Dr Abimael Guzman, known as Chairman Gonzalo of the Communist Party of Peru, was captured by the Fujimori regime in Lima, with the full assistance of the U.S.'s notorious counter-insurgency machine.

There is every reason to fear for the life of Dr Abimael Guzman at the hands of one of the world's bloodiest governments. The Peruvian state has repeatedly murdered its political prisoners, from the hundreds killed at the El Fronton massacre of 1986 to the 40 women and men gunned down in cold blood at Canto Grande prison in May 1992. The Peruvian Constitution has been suspended, and Fujimori is threatening to impose the death penalty on Dr Abimael Guzman.

This must not be allowed to happen.

No knowledgeable and truthful observer of Peru, regardless of their political beliefs, can deny that Dr Abimael Guzman is the recognized leader of millions of peasants, workers, students, intellectuals and others of various walks of life in Peru. In no way can the twelve-year long war he has been leading be dismissed as "acts of terrorism". In no way can Dr Guzman be denied the stature of a captured leader of a revolutionary party and army. Dr Abimael Guzman merits the broad international support that all imprisoned opponents of imperialism and reactionary regimes have always benefitted from. He should be allowed access to lawyers, journalists and doctors to ensure his health.

It is urgent that many voices be heard to demand that the Peruvian state respect the international conventions concerning the treatment of political prisoners. That a military tribunal cannot be legally competent. That the life of Dr Abimael Guzman be saved.

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PARTIAL LIST OF SIGNATORIES on the IEC "CALL":

Over 300 political prisoners, Malatya, Buja, and Elazig prisons, Turkey
Mumia Abu-Jamal- Political prisoner on death row, former Black Panther, US
150 political prisoners, Leavenworth, Kansas, US, including:
Leonard Peltier, American Indian Movement member; Sundiata Acoli, of Black Panther 21; Jaan Laaman, of Ohio 7; James McCormick, IRA
Dr Bani Sadr- Former President of Iran
Ramsey Clark- Former US Attorney-General, editor of "War Crimes"
Dr. Jim Cairns- former Deputy Prime Minister & Treasurer, Australia
10 Members of Parliament (HEP Party), Turkey
Luigi Vinci- Senator, Italy
Giovani Russo Spena, Raniero La Valle, Lucio Manisco, Emilia Calini
- Members of Parliament, Italy
Falco Accame-Ex Member of Parliament, Italy
Radio Cooperativa- Veneto, Radio SHERWOOD, Radio ONDA ROSSA, Radio ONDA DIRETTA-
Milan, Radio ONDA D'URTO, Italy

90 Members of Parliament, Nepal
23 Lawyers - Bangladesh Supreme Court
V.R. Krishna Iyer- Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of India (retired)
Charles Kilduff- Former Chief Magistrate, Australian Capital Territory
Jean Ziegler- Parliamentarian, Geneva, Switzerland
Michael Mansfield, Q.C.- Defence lawyer, Presenter of TV documentaries, Britain
Sinéad O'Connor - Musician, Ireland
Bill Bowring- Chair, Haldane Society of Socialist Lawyers, Britain
Black Lawyers Association- South Africa
National Liberation Front of Kurdistan (ERNK), Australian and European Committees
William Kunstler- Lawyer, Ctr. for Constitutional Rights, US
Francis Boyle- Prof. of Int'l Law, Univ. of Illinois, US
Robert Parry, Tony Benn- Members of Parliament, House of Commons, Britain
Ismael Besikci - Ex-Political prisoner (20 years), doctor of sociology, Turkey
Gary Snyder- Poet, US
Louis Wolf- Co-editor, Covert Action Bulletin, Washington DC
Rose Hunter, Brenda Proctor- Treas. & Sec., Miners Wives Action Group, Britain
Ilhan Seljuk- Journalist from daily newspaper, Jomhuriyet, Turkey
Mr Imran Moosa- lawyer, Revolutionary People's Movement, South Africa
Prof Haluk Gerger- Journalist from daily newspaper, Gundem, Turkey
Maina Wa Kinyatti- former Kenyan political prisoner, US
Chrissie Hyde- musician, The Pretenders, Britain
48 Poets from Turkey, including Can Yucel & Zhni Anadol
Grup YORUM- Turkish musical group
Ahmad Shamloo - Poet, Candidate for Nobel Prize, 1983, Iran
Mr and Mrs La Torre- Father- and mother-in-law of Dr Guzman
Siwan Perwer- Kurdish singer
Linton Kwezi Johnson- musician, Britain
Dalal Al-Mufti- Sculptress, head of Iraqi Artists Assoc.
Buland Al-Haidari- poet, vice-pres. of Iraqi Democratic Assoc.
Molefe Pheto- Secretary for Education & Culture - BCM/Azania (Britain)
Mutabaruka - Reggae dub poet, Kingston, Jamaica
Andrée Michel - Writer, Dir. of Research, (CNRS), France
Safi Wahab - Artist, Afghanistan
Carol Andreas- author, "When Women Rebel", US
Bertell Ollman- Prof, Dept. of Politics, New York Univ., US
International Federation of Iranian Refugees and Immigrants Councils
Dr Manning Marable- Univ. of Colorado, Boulder, US
New Afrikan Peoples Organization- US
John Edgar Wideman- author, US
Ludo Martens- General Secretary, Party of Labour, Belgium
Jorge Palacios- ex-Chairman, Philosophy Dept., Univ. of Chile
Michael Franti, Musician, San Francisco, US
Black Consciousness Movement of Azania- US Branch
Chicago Conference of Black Lawyers, US
Carl Dix- Nat'l Spokesperson, Revolutionary Communist Party, US
Mr Sanmugathason- General Secretary, Ceylon Communist Party
Prof Jose Maria Sison - Founding Chairman, Communist Party of the Philippines
John Reid- Deputy Director, Institute For Aboriginal Development, Australia
Dr Ali Sadeghi- political activist from Iran
Donald Woods- Journalist from South Africa, author of "Biko"
La Patria Radical- newspaper of the Puerto Rican MLN
Lavarice Gaudin- Haitian activist, VEYEO, Miami, US
Jeff Paterson- First US soldier to refuse to serve in Gulf War, US

Ergan Kanar - Chair, Human Rights Organization, Istanbul, Turkey
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Iraj Jannati Ataie - Poet, writer, director, Iran
Society of Black Lawyers- Brixton, Britain
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Ada Donno- editor, "Iride" magazine, Italy
Ilyas Salman- Film actor, Turkey
Nihet Behram- Writer, former collaborator with Yilmaz Guney, Turkey
Saban Iba- General Secretary of 1968 Institute, Turkey
Aziz Nesin- Political satirist, writer, Turkey
George W. Webber- New York Theological Seminary, US
Jon Hendricks- artist, US
Server Tanilli- Prof. of Contemporary Turkish History, Germany
Amiri Baraka, Amina Baraka- revolutionary artists, US
Kasthoori Devan- Convenor, Yuva Kerala Munnani, India
Keith Bennett, Political Editor, Asian Times, Caribbean Times
Rev. Peter H. F. Duncan- Vicar, St. John's Church, Britain
R. Jilani- Director, Asian Studies Dept., Toynbee Hall, Britain
Javier Centeno, Federal Representative, Mexico
Hugh Stephens- Int'l. War Crimes Tribunals on the Gulf War and Peru, Britain
Enrique Gonzalez Ruiz- Investigator, UNAM, Mexico
Reza Allamezadeh- Iranian Film Director
10,000 people in Nepal
Tens of thousands of people worldwide from 35 countries

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