

INTERNATIONAL EMERGENCY COMMITTEE
To Defend the Life of Abimael Guzman
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Dear Friend:

For some period of time now you have been receiving our Emergency Bulletins.

Despite great financial difficulties, we have attempted to maintain this lifeline of information about the campaign through these mailings. We hope you have found the Bulletins useful and that you have been able to spread the word by reproducing them in their entirety, or by disseminating the information in another form. We know many of you have translated parts of them as well.

The IEC campaign (including mailing the Bulletins) has been sustained by donations from people like you around the world, and up to now we have not made a specific appeal to those who receive the Bulletins for a subscription fee. But, at this point, we cannot continue to send these Bulletins to our large and growing international mailing list if we do not receive donations from YOU to at least cover the cost of producing the Bulletins and postage.

Rather than specify an exact amount, we think it's best to tell you what it has cost us to send this material to you, and we appeal to you to send at least an amount which covers these past costs and contributes to future costs for mailing the Bulletins to you. (See coupon attached)

Of course the Emergency Bulletins are only one aspect of the work of IEC. For example:

- * We have sent 4 delegations to Peru - 22 delegates from 7 countries - and plan to send more.
- * We are now assisting international lawyers in launching a legal case on behalf of Dr Guzman and the other political prisoners in international courts.
- * We are participating in the NGO Festival at the World Human Rights Conference in Vienna.
- * Two pamphlets on the IEC campaign are near completion right now.
- * IEC organizers have travelled to various countries to help build the campaign and coordinate activities.
- * IEC maintains a 24-hour-a-day office in London which functions as the organizing and communication centre of the worldwide campaign

These are just some of the activities which require substantial and consistent funding. If we are to win this crucial battle to defend the life of Abimael Guzmán, we must meet the needs of the literally thousands of people around the world who have given their hearts and minds to this campaign. The campaign as a whole is continuing to grow deeper and broader - way beyond the initial expectations of many people, both friend and foe. But we must say honestly, that we are appealing right now for financial survival. If we do not receive substantially greater donations very soon, we will be forced to cut back on many of the crucial international activities which have made such an impact in these past few months. So we also ask at this time that you pledge to sustain the campaign even beyond

paying for the Emergency Bulletins.

One striking feature of this campaign is that much of the political support comes from people in countries where the average annual income falls well below £1000. Many of these people - peasants and workers from 3rd world countries - have donated generously, but clearly the friends from the richer countries have a great responsibility in financially sustaining the IEC campaign because they have a much greater ability to do so. In connection with this appeal for funds for the Emergency Bulletins, we have a proposal for those people who receive the Bulletin in the richer countries: in addition to donating for your own subscription, adopt a supporter from a 3rd World country by covering the costs of sending the Bulletin to one of our many subscribers in India for example.

Since you are among those who have been receiving these Bulletins on a regular basis, we probably do not have to tell you about the extent of the impact this campaign has had around the world, and most especially in Peru itself. All evidence points to the fact that it has contributed substantially towards keeping Dr Guzman alive, and countering the endless lies put out by the world media with the real truth about the struggle in Peru and about Dr Guzman, the most important political prisoner in the world today

We appeal to you to make the sacrifice needed to sustain this campaign, and to do it now.

We accept donations in any form, but it is best to send cheques in pounds sterling, drawn on a bank with a branch in Britain (British bank branch address must be on cheque). This will assist us in being able to cash the cheque quickly and in avoiding costly currency exchange fees. The cheque should be made out to International Emergency Committee, and sent to the address at the top of this letter.

Warm Regards,

Massoud Rahimi
Coordinator

International Emergency Committee to Defend the Life of Abimael Guzman

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BCM-IEC, 27 Old Gloucester Street, London WC1N 3XX, England

Yes, I want to continue to receive the Emergency Bulletins

The typical cost per issue of the Bulletin for production and postage:

England: £0.50 per issue

Europe: £0.60 per issue

Outside Europe: £0.80 per issue

Enclosed is £ _____ to cover the costs of _____ past Bulletins sent to me and _____ future Bulletins to be sent.

Enclosed is £ _____ to support IEC's other activities.

I pledge £ _____ (per month) (every two months) to sustain IEC.

We invite comments on the Emergency Bulletins - Criticisms, suggestions, what you think needs greater or lesser emphasis, etc. (Use extra sheets if needed)

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

The Bulletins are published 2-3 times monthly and are available from the London IEC office in English or Spanish. The Bulletins (or sections of them) are generally translated by supporters around the world into Farsi, Turkish, French, German and some other languages. These translated versions are often sent back to us and we can pass them on if requested.

We can also fax the Emergency Bulletins to you at a cost of approximately three times the cost per issue listed above for mailing the bulletins. Please inquire if you are interested in receiving the bulletins by fax.