

Protesters take to the streets -- 2,000 days of imprisonment of Milagro Sala

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Argentinean organizations and collectives demand the release of Milagro Sala. | Photo: Noticias con la Gente

Buenos Aires, July 8 (RHC)-- Imprisoned since January 16, 2016, Argentinean social and Indigenous leader Milagro Sala, founder of the Túpac Amaru organization, has faced a total of 16 cases against her and remains under house arrest -- when organizations and movements in her country are carrying out a

broad campaign to demand her release.

The United Nations Human Rights Council (HRC), in a report issued on October 21, 2016 by the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, declared that "the deprivation of liberty of Ms. Milagro Sala is arbitrary, according to Categories II and III of the Working Methods of the Group."

The HRC requested the Government of the Republic of Argentina, then led by former President Mauricio Macri, to "immediately release Ms. Milagro Sala, and grant appropriate reparation, including compensation."

There is no excuse for the CSJN to continue endorsing these arbitrariness. The Judiciary must comply with what is provided by international human rights bodies.

For its part, the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, in a resolution issued on November 23, 2017, ordered the Argentinean State to immediately adopt the necessary and effective protection measures to guarantee the life, personal integrity and health of Mrs. Milagro Sala."

The Court intervened at the request of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR), after the government failed to comply with what was ordered by the IACHR in July 2017, regarding the immediate adoption of measures such as the house arrest of the indigenous leader.

During this week, the Túpac Amaru organization called for a protest encampment in Plaza de Mayo, Buenos Aires, with the support of various political, trade union and human rights organizations.

This mobilization demands the freedom of Milagro Sala. "Prisoner for fighting, patriarchal justice" and "Feminist judicial reform," are some of the slogans that accompany the days of protest.

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