

ATTACKED BY POLICE FOR SPEAKING OUT

MÁXIMA ACUÑA PERU

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Máxima Acuña won't back down. A peasant farmer in northern Peru, she has braved violent attacks from local police for refusing to leave the land where she lives with her family.

Máxima is in a legal battle with Yanacocha, one of the world's biggest gold and copper mines, over the ownership of the land. She believes the police's harassment is an attempt to drive her away from her home. But she's not going anywhere.

Police have attacked her family, including beating her and her children, damaging her house and demolishing an extension she was building. On one occasion, Yanacocha's own armed security guards even destroyed her crops.

It's a campaign of intimidation designed to make her life impossible – so she gives up her fight

and leaves. But still Máxima will not give in.

Her bravery has won her the 2016 Goldman Prize, the world's most respected environmental award. Community members look to her as a leader – and have banded together to protect her.

Together, we must make sure her family can live on the land in peace until the courts make a final decision.

Stand with Máxima – tell Peru to protect her and her family from violence and intimidation.

**WRITE A LETTER
CHANGE A LIFE**



Write to Peru's Minister of Interior

Tell him to protect Máxima and her family from harassment and intimidation.

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Show Máxima that you stand with her

Tell her that you're speaking up to protect her and her family.

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