

PERU:

A farmer defies one of the world's biggest gold mines

This peasant farmer in northern Peru has taken on one of the biggest gold and copper mines in the world.

Máxima Acuña is in a legal battle with Yanacocha, one of the biggest gold and copper mines anywhere, over the ownership of the land where she lives with her family. She has braved violent attacks for refusing to leave. Máxima believes the harassment is an attempt to drive her away from her home so that the mining company can use her land. But she will not give in.

Police have attacked her family numerous times and as recently as 18 September 2016 after which she was hospitalized. They have beaten her and her children, damaged her house and demolished 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 want to give up her fight and leave. But Máxima is not going anywhere. "I will never kneel before Yanacocha," she says.

Her bravery has won Máxima Acuña the 2016 Goldman Prize. It's the world's most respected environmental award.

Community members look up to Máxima Acuña as a leader who defends the land. They have banded together to protect her. We must, too. Tell Peru to protect her from violence and intimidation.



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Article 12, Universal Declaration of Human Rights

No one shall be arbitrarily deprived of his property.

Article 17, Universal Declaration of Human Rights

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Write to the Minister of Interior.

- ◆ Start with Dear Minister.
- ◆ Describe who you are and what concerns you about the safety of Máxima Acuña.
- ◆ In your own words, ask him to protect Máxima from the harassment and intimidation she faces every day.

Send your message to

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Sample Tweet

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Máxima Acuña

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