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Ruth López, Alejandro Henríquez, José Ángel Pérez

Dear President Bukele,

In May 2025, lawyer **Ruth López**, environmentalist **Alejandro Henríquez** and pastor **José Ángel Pérez** were imprisoned, even though they had only been peacefully campaigning for human rights. Ruth López is a lawyer, human rights defender, and prisoner of conscience. She is facing criminal charges directly because of her work against corruption and her promotion of institutional transparency. José Ángel Pérez, an evangelical pastor and president of the El Bosque Cooperative, along with environmental lawyer Alejandro Henríquez were detained by security forces on 12 May 2025, during a peaceful protest near the presidential residence. The crackdown on civil society in El Salvador continues to escalate, and the use of state persecution to silence critical voices that promote accountability, human rights, and justice is on the rise.

I kindly ask you to immediately and unconditionally release Ruth Eleonora López, Alejandro Henríquez and José Ángel Pérez, and put an end to the repression of human rights defenders.

Sincerely