



Alert of Permanent Secretariat of the Latin American and Caribbean Network for Democracy (Redlad): persecution of members of RedLad.

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The Permanent Secretariat of the Latin American and Caribbean Network for Democracy (RedLad) warns about the persecution of its members and coordinators in countries such as Venezuela, Nicaragua, Honduras and Cuba.

Following the completion of our III Assembly, developed last week in Tegucigalpa (Honduras) attended by over 438 participants, former presidents, policymakers, activists, organizations, members of the OAS, AICHR (Commission Human Rights), the Community of Democracies and personalities from various sectors, whose motto was "Inclusive Democracy" as a vehicle for the integral development of peoples. Reactions have emerged from sectors opposed to democracy which have denigrated and even threatened the work that RedLad activists have been doing for more than five years.

Gender Coordinator elected, Aixa Armas of Mujer y Ciudadania of Venezuela, has been the victim of insults and threats by José Vicente Rangel, former chancellor of President Hugo Chavez, during the radio program El Confidencial. Similarly, Sergio Balladares of Nicaragua, Alternate Coordinator of RedLad, has been threatened by anonymous blogs and persons whose identity is unknown.

Young people who participated in the Assembly of the Red Democracia Joven en las Américas (Young Democracy Network of the Americas), whose summit was given inside Redlad Assembly have also been threatened and their emails hacked (IP 204.181.55.242 from San Pedro Sula of Honduras) by undemocratic and anonymous groups.



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Also threats against the Sakharov Prize for freedom of expression by the European Parliament, the Cuban Guillermo Fariñas or the president of the Ladies in White, Berta Soler, who participated in the Assembly and are now undergoing persecution and intimidation.

The Permanent Secretariat RedLad, a platform for advancing democracy and human rights, comprising more than 480 organizations and activists, Official Member of the Civil Society Forum of the Organization of American States (OAS) and Regional Chapter of the World Movement for Democracy:

Expresses its full support to the individuals, organizations and activists persecuted and threatened.

Expresses its support for continental democracy and expresses its permanent and unwavering defense of human rights and fundamental freedoms.

It calls for the democratic governments of the continent to manifest on the issue and implement joint actions for the protection of threatened activists, using the existing instruments of the OAS, the Inter-American Human Rights System and the Community of Democracies.

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