

To the President of the Republic of Nicaragua Mr. Daniel Ortega
c/o Botschaft der Republik Nicaragua
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Dear Mr. President;

Please forgive me for approaching you on behalf of the Catholic Christian, Ms. Lesbia del Socorro Gutiérrez Poveda. This 59-year-old has worked, until her arrest, for the Roman Catholic organization Caritas in the Diocese Matagalpa. In her position, she was responsible for the support of small businesses.

On August 10th 2024, she was arrested by Security Forces on the farm "La Guadalupana" near the location of Matagalpa, where they wanted to inform themselves about her activities.

Although, according to witnesses, Gutiérrez responded willingly and calmly, additional officers joined the Guadalupana reinforcements, and she was taken to Managua for questioning, and an Arrest Warrant was not issued.

Since then, her relatives have received no official information about Lesbia Gutiérrez's whereabouts. However, the family has been asked to send monthly food packages to the women's prison "La Esperanza."

I would be most grateful to you, Mr. President, if you could provide official information about Lesbia Gutiérrez's whereabouts and about her health status. I further humbly beseech you, dear Mr. President, that you would advocate her immediate unconditional release.

Most respectfully

Yours,