

URGENT ACTION

JOURNALIST DEMANDS EFFECTIVE PROTECTION

Journalist Alberto Amaro has received several threats, most recently in September 2026, against his life and that of his family. Since 2019, he has been attacked, threatened, and arrested by police officers and intimidated by members of organized crime groups. Although he is under protection from the Mexican state, the measures provided are inadequate and even those covering his family could be lifted at any moment. Several journalists have been attacked or killed while under state protection, demonstrating the mechanism's intervention is insufficient, poorly implemented, or not properly monitored. We call on the authorities to guarantee Alberto Amaro's safety through appropriate, effective measures.

TAKE ACTION:

- Write a letter to the government official(s) listed. Use the sample letter below as a guide or use your own words.
- [Click here](#) to report your action(s) on **Second UA 55.26**. We share this number with the officials we are trying to persuade.

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Send a copy of your letter to the address below

CC: Mexican Embassy in the United States
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Dear Tobyanne Ledesma,

I am concerned for the safety of the journalist **Alberto Amaro Jordán**, editor-in-chief of the Mexican news outlet La Prensa de Tlaxcala. On May 4, 2026, Alberto received death threats in response to his journalistic work and on September 30, he was monitored by staff from the Ministry of the Interior, both during and after he had interviewed a group of farmers in a public place. Amnesty International has documented several attacks against him since 2019, resulting in Alberto and his family being forced to leave Mexico and seek temporary refuge in another country for a year.

While I am relieved that Alberto Amaro is currently receiving protection measures from the Mechanism for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders and Journalists, I fear that these measures have shown serious shortcomings. Furthermore, in recent months, the Governing Board met to assess Alberto's case and decided to lift the protective measures for Alberto's family, on the grounds that neither Alberto nor his family are currently at high risk. However, Alberto believes that scaling back measures increase their risks. Currently, Alberto's family has protective measures, and Alberto has already appealed to Board's decision. However, the protective measures could be withdrawn at any time.

I call on you to ensure that the protection measures currently in place for Alberto are adequate and effectively implemented to protect him against the threats that he continues to receive and to ensure that his family continues to be protected until a final decision is reached.

Yours sincerely,

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Alberto Amaro founded the digital outlet [La Prensa de Tlaxcala](#) in 2018. Within a year, he began to receive threats linked to his investigations into local politics, crime, and corruption. Mexico's smallest state, Tlaxcala is a major hub for human trafficking. The area is home to [powerful, family-run criminal networks](#) that traffic girls and young women across Mexico and the United States.

From time to time, the Governing Board of the Mechanism for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders and Journalists – comprising the authorities responsible for implementing protection plans to safeguard the lives and physical integrity of defenders and journalists – meets to assess or review the security plans. In May 2026, the Governing Board met to assess Alberto's case and decided to lift the protective measures for Alberto's family, on the grounds that neither Alberto nor his family are currently at high risk. However, Alberto believes that scaling back the measures increases his risk.

Amaro recounted that, since 2019, he has been [attacked](#), [threatened](#), and arrested by police officers and intimidated by members of organized crime groups. People have photographed him, his wife, and children, hacked his website, and smeared his reputation in Facebook posts accusing him of being a criminal. While out driving, aggressors have tried to block his passage and [force him off the road](#), and a gunman aboard a motorbike has taken shots at him. Intruders have tried to break into his home, [fired shots at his property](#), and fatally poisoned one of his pet dogs.

The report "[Nobody Guarantees My Safety](#)" by Amnesty International and the Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ) documents the serious shortcomings and structural failures of Mexico's Federal Protection Mechanism for journalists. The report highlights that several journalists have been attacked and even killed while under state protection, demonstrating that existing measures are often insufficient, poorly implemented, or not properly monitored.

There has been a documented pattern of persecution against Alberto Amaro. The extreme risks he endured ultimately forced him to seek refuge in Spain from September 2024 to September 2025 through Amnesty International's protection program for human rights defenders.

Throughout the 21st century Mexico has remained one of the world's deadliest countries for journalists. CPJ has recorded 88 killings of journalists and media workers in Mexico since 2012 until 2024 and verified that 37 of them were murdered in relation to their work. The most dangerous states in that period have been Veracruz (21 killings), Guerrero (10), Oaxaca (9), and Sonora (7). CPJ distinguishes between murders that have been confirmed to be linked directly to the victim's work and killings of which the motive is not yet clear. Six journalists have already been killed in 2026.

PREFERRED LANGUAGE TO ADDRESS TARGET: Spanish or your own language.

PLEASE TAKE ACTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE UNTIL: April 30, 2027

NAME AND PRONOUN: Alberto Amaro Jordán (he/him)

LINK TO PREVIOUS UA: <https://www.amnestyusa.org/urgent-actions/mexico-journalist-receives-death-threats/>