



Sign this petition to free Oscar López Rivera

The Network Of Intellectuals, Artists and Social Movements in Defense of Humanity has been circulating a petition to President Barack Obama to release Oscar Lopez Rivera before he leaves office. The goal is 100,000 signatures by December 11. The U. S. branch of the Network includes politicians, actors, academicians, clergy-people, writers, and filmmakers. Below is

more information, including where to sign:

The Network in Defense of Humanity asks all organizations, communities, unions, churches, activists, political parties- to **CALL ON THEIR INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS** to sign this petition and spread the word- this is a time-sensitive request! **PLEASE FORWARD FAR AND WIDE.**

Sign the petition here:

<https://petitions.whitehouse.gov/petition/president-obama-free-oscar-lopez-rivera-he-ends-his-term-president>

Who is Oscar López Rivera ?

Oscar López Rivera, a Puerto Rican nationalist, entered prison in 1981, 35 years ago. He was convicted of “seditious conspiracy” on the basis of membership in the “National Puerto Rican Liberation Army” (FALN), a group accused at the time of bombings of U. S. government facilities. The trial court never accused Lopez Rivera of involvement in the bombings, although he was charged also with illegal possessions of arms and other minor crimes. On the basis of “conspiracy to escape,” López had 15 years added in 1988 to his original sentence of 55 years. President Clinton offered him “conditional clemency” in 1999, which the prisoner refused, according to his sister, because no similar offer was made to another FALN prisoner.

Oscar López Rivera is one of the longest – held political prisoners in the world. In recent years the demand for his release has grown to worldwide proportions. Groups and individuals are calling upon the U. S. president to commute his sentence, or pardon Oscar López Rivera. His crime, according to Nobel Peace prize laureate Archbishop Desmond Tutu is, “conspiracy to free his people from the shackles of imperial justice.”