

Logko Alberto Curamil

Mapuche Nation

2019 Goldman Prize Recipient

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Logko Alberto Curamil, a Mapuche traditional authority and werken (spokesperson) of the Mapuche Territorial Alliance (ATM), organized the people of Curacautin in La Araucanía Region (Chile) to stop the construction of two hydroelectric projects on the sacred Cautín River. The destructive projects, cancelled in late 2016, would have diverted hundreds of millions of gallons of water from the river each day, harming a critical ecosystem and exacerbating drought conditions in the region. In August 2018, Curamil was arrested and remains in jail today. He is being falsely accused and kept in preventive jailed for a crime he did not commit. For this reason, he could not attend the Goldman Ceremony, and his daughter received the award on his behalf. For more details of the award visit: <https://www.goldmanprize.org/recipient/alberto-curamil/>

Logko Curamil has been a staunch defender of the territory against hydroelectric and forestry companies, and during the last weeks, before he was arrested, he had also contributed a lot to the cause of the Machi Celestino Córdoba (another traditional authority incarcerated by the Chilean State). He represents a nuisance for the government and the big companies. The government's response to leaders like Logko Curamil is prosecution and unjust incarceration, so they do not continue in their work both culturally and socially. And thus, dismantling the process of reconstruction of the Mapuche Nation.

Please, sign the petition “**FREE LOGKO ALBERTO CURAMIL**” on www.change.org

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