

GUSTAVO GATICA, CHILE

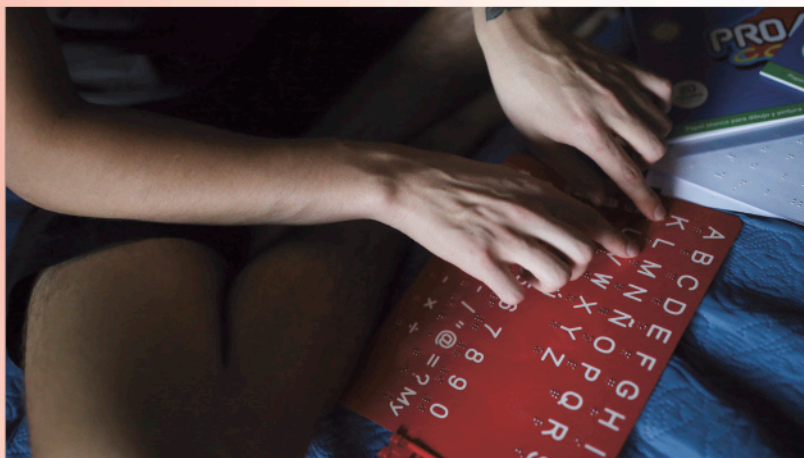
When protests broke out across Chile over rising prices and inequality, Gustavo Gatica was studying psychology in the capital, Santiago. Like millions of others, he, too, took to the streets.

Demonstrations lasted for weeks, capturing imaginations around the world. This was people power in action and it was awe-inspiring. The authorities, however, took a different view.

At one fateful protest in November, police loaded their shotguns with rubber-coated buckshot and fired into the gathered crowds. It was no different from other protests where hundreds were hurt and dozens suffered eye injuries almost every day. Those in charge didn't stop the police. Instead, they allowed the violence to continue.

Gustavo was among the crowds that November. He was shot in both eyes and permanently blinded. The attack made global headlines.

An internal police investigation following the shooting found that no one could be held responsible. It even suggested that demonstrators themselves injured Gustavo. The National Prosecutor's Office is now investigating. Still, those who allowed the attack on Gustavo remain unpunished.



"I gave my eyes so people would wake up," says Gustavo. As demonstrations continued, protestors wore eye patches and chanted his name at police. They want justice. So do we.

Demand justice for Gustavo.

WRITE TO CHILE'S NATIONAL PROSECUTOR

Tell him to investigate the commanders involved in Gustavo's shooting. They had a duty to avoid the misuse of dangerous shotguns and ammunition, but they failed to fulfil it.

Jorge Abbott Charme

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Salutation: Dear Mr National Prosecutor, Jorge Abbott Charme

TELL GUSTAVO HIS LOSS IS NOT IN VAIN

Send him recordings of your messages of hope and solidarity.

Email: justiciaparagustavo@amnistia.cl

Send physical braille letters, drawings or any physical show of solidarity to:

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GUSTAVO GATICA, CHILE

Dear Mr National Prosecutor, Jorge Abbott Charme

Psychology student Gustavo Gatica was at a protest in the capital, Santiago, when police shot ammunition into the crowd in ways they shouldn't have. Gustavo was struck in both eyes and was blinded. Commanders in charge didn't stop these officers. They let this violence continue unchecked for weeks.

I call on you to investigate all those responsible for Gustavo's shooting, especially commanders. They had a duty to avoid the misuse of force, but failed to fulfil it. Gustavo must live with the consequences of their failure forever. He deserves justice, truth and reparation.

Yours sincerely



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NASSIMA AL-SADA, SAUDI ARABIA

Your Majesty

Nassima al-Sada is a woman whom Saudi Arabia should take great pride in. Her lifelong journey has been one dedicated to the improvement of women's freedoms and her vision of them being active members of an open, vibrant society.

But instead of embracing Ms. al-Sada, the authorities arrested her in July 2018 and placed her in solitary confinement for one year. Today, she is still behind bars. I respectfully call on you to release Ms. al-Sada and all other detained women human rights defenders, immediately and without conditions.

Yours sincerely



His Majesty King Salman bin Abdul
Aziz Al Saud
Saudi Arabian embassy
in your country