



The Right Livelihood Award fills us with hope

Announcement of Helen Mack Chang, Right Livelihood Award 1992,
in the context of the Laureates 2013 nomination

Today, September 26th, 2013, the names of who received the Right Livelihood Award were made public. This Award was introduced in 1980 to “honor and support the personalities who propose concrete and exemplary solutions to the challenges of the present-day world”. This Award is also known as the “Alternative Nobel Peace Prize” and is given every year in the Swedish Parliament during a special ceremony.

The funds received as a part of the Award were invested in the Myrna Mack Foundation, created to honor my sister, Myrna Elizabeth Mack Chang, to fight against impunity, to modernize the justice and security systems, in short to contribute to a real Rule of law in Guatemala. I can affirm that the Foundation exists in large part thanks to the Right Livelihood Award and had a scope that I had never imagine.

For this reason, in my own name as a laureate and in the name of the Myrna Mack Foundation, I want to congratulate:

Paul Walker (USA): “for working restlessly to free the world from the chemical weapons”.

Raji Sourani (Palestine): “for his unshakeable commitment with the rule of law and the human rights in exceptionally difficult circumstances.”

Denis Mukwege (Democratic Republic of Congo): “for his courageous work treating women who survived to the sexual violence during the war and to raise his voice regarding their deep causes”.

Hans R. Herren/Biovision Foundation (Switzerland): “for his ability and his pioneering work to promote a safe and sustainable world food supply”.

Who received this year the Right Livelihood Award 2013, and welcome them as new laureates, especially for their work towards human rights, from their respective professional fields.

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