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**Javier Tarazona**

Dear Mr Tarek William Saab,

I am greatly concerned about *Javier Tarazona*, director of FundaREDES, who has been arbitrarily detained for almost two years and whose health has seriously deteriorated.

*Javier Tarazona* was arrested on 2 July 2021, when he attempted to report harassment from security officers at the Attorney General’s Office in the city of Coro. He has since been charged with inciting hatred, treason and terrorism. His pre-trial hearing didn’t take place until 16 December 2021. *Javier Tarazona* is a prisoner of conscience imprisoned solely for his human rights work.

I therefore respectfully urge you to grant *Javier Tarazona’s* immediate and unconditional release, and in the meantime ensure he is given access to urgent medical care.

Yours sincerely,