

# **Dora María Téllez: Plea for release of political prisoners in Nicaragua**

In this YouTube video 19 July 2022, on the occasion of the anniversary of the Sandanista Revolution in Nicaragua, US activist and photographer [Margaret Randall](#) presents an appeal for the release of revolutionary activist Dora María Téllez from imprisonment by the dictatorship of Ortega-Murillo.

Dora María Téllez was one of the military commanders of the Sandanista Revolution in the 1970s and minister for health in the first Sandinista government of 1979-90, where she championed the rights of women and gay and lesbian people. She was arrested and imprisoned by the current Nicaraguan government for her part in opposition to the dictatorship of President Ortega.

Main photo shows Dora María Téllez (in the centre, wearing a black beret) as a military commander during the FSLN conquest of León, Nicaragua (June 1979). Source Wikipedia (Public Domain)