

Support to the workers of El Wallili before the threat of eviction

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to urge you to stop the eviction and demolition of the shanty town of El Walili in Níjar until a permanent housing alternative is guaranteed for the 500 inhabitants of the settlement who live there. I also ask you that you commit yourselves to put pressure on the Níjar town council in the same direction.

In the last 20 years, the municipality of Níjar has doubled its area of greenhouses, from 3,373 hectares in 2001 to more than 6,500 hectares in 2022, the largest growth in the province of Almeria, with the establishment of major agricultural industries of organic products, without having planned accommodation for the people who work there, increasing the chronic deficit that the town has in non-tourist housing supply.

This situation has led to the proliferation of substandard housing and shanty towns made of plastic and pallets, in 2017 the social services identified a total of 3,014 people living in this situation. A figure that has not stopped growing, as has the value of the exports of the agricultural companies in which these people work; more than 3,000 million euros.

For the above reasons, I urge you to:

- **A halt to the demolition of El Walili and any other shanty town for migrant farm workers until a permanent housing alternative is offered to its inhabitants.**
- **A comprehensive housing plan in the municipality that guarantees decent and affordable housing for all the citizens of Níjar, both local and foreign.**

In support of the demands of the Plataforma 'Derecho a Techo' we ask you to take an open position in support of the workers of El Walili.

Kind regards,

Your name