

# *Argentinean Government and Social Leaders Meet to Discuss Sala's Release*

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Buenos Aires, February 5 (RHC)-- Argentinean President Mauricio Macri's cabinet met Thursday with several social leaders at the Presidential Palace in Buenos Aires to discuss the release of Milagro Sala, a Parlasur lawmaker and Indigenous activist who founded the Tupac Amaru movement.

Sala was arbitrarily arrested in mid-January after leading a peaceful protest against the new administration's neo-liberal policies.

Thursday's meeting was organized by the Catholic church.

Jorge Lozano, president of the Episcopal Commission of Pastoral Social has warned in a statement that social movements, human rights groups and civil organizations were being labeled "suspicious" by Macri's government.

High-profile activists including Grandmothers of the Plaza de Mayo leader Estela de Carlotto and Nobel Peace Prize winner Adolfo Perez Esquivel have declared Sala a political prisoner. Opposition lawmakers have called the arrest arbitrary and illegal.

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