Dr Maria Santos Gorrostieta  
Mayor of Tiquicheo, Mexico. Had survived two previous assassination attempts. Kidnapped while leaving her daughter to school in November 2012. She was tortured before being murdered. In October 2009, a group of gunmen shot her at least seven times in an ambush where her husband was killed. Three months later, another armed gang opened fire on her brother’s car, while she was in the passenger seat. Shortly afterwards, she went public and showed photographs of the wounds she sustained. She was forced to live with a colostomy.

“I wanted to show you my wounded, mutilated body, because I’m not ashamed of it. It is living testimony that I am a strong and righteous woman, and despite my wounds, I’m still on my feet…. I will rise up again as many times as God allows me to…The most important thing is not to be afraid.”
Sickening: Dr Gorostiza shows the wounds she sustained from the ambushers' gunfire and the subsequent car crash.

Wounds: The ex-mayor was lucky to survive the second attack. She was left in constant pain and was forced to use a colostomy bag.