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HONDURAS: Leonardo Miranda – second of two campesino political prisoners brothers ñ has been released, after more than three years of illegal detention, including torture and continued attacks against his home community of Montana Verde. If you read espanol, please read the comunicuÉ, below, by COPINH, the community based group in Honduras that has taken the lead on work to force the release of these political prisoners.

THANK-YOU to all who gave funds for this work, wrote urgent action letters, visited the prisoners and their home community of Montana Verde on Rights Action delegations.

This is a hard-fought-for release from illegal and torturous detention. The underlying impunity and violations and abuses of the powerful sectors – many of who are partner with Canadian and U.S. government and business interests promoting ìfreeî trade, mining, tourism, etc. – has not ended.

If you want on/ off this elist: info@rightsaction.org. What to do: see below.

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CONSEJO CIVICO DE ORGANIZACIONES POPULARES E INDIGENAS DE HONDURAS.
COPINH

NUEVA VICTORIA INDIGENA Y POPULAR

COMUNICADO DE PRENSA URGENTE.

El Consejo Cívico de Organizaciones Populares e Indígenas de Honduras COPINH, con profunda alegría comunica lo siguiente:

1. El día martes 15 de agosto a las 15 horas el juzgado de ejecución de Santa Rosa de Copan resolvió la solicitud de conmuta a favor de Leonardo Miranda.
2. Con esta resolución y posterior al pago de la respectiva conmuta la titular de este Juzgado ordeno la excarcelación del compañero Leonardo Miranda, la cual se concreto a las 18 horas al ser presentada en el centro penal de Gracias, con lo que nuestro hermano Leonardo quedo en libertad definitiva.
3. La libertad del compañero Leonardo no hubiera sido posible de no ser por la solidaridad de diferentes personas, redes, organizaciones iglesias y dem·s instituciones que apoyaron la campaña por la libertad

de los presos políticos indígenas de Honduras, razón por la que les expresamos las más infinitas Gracias.

4. El COPINH junto a nuestro hermano Leonardo Miranda reiteramos nuestra decisión de luchar hasta lograr la construcción de una sociedad más justa y más Humana.

5. Seguiremos luchando por que se titule la totalidad de los territorios de Montaña Verde y porque el estado de Honduras repare los daños causados a nuestros hermanos de Montaña Verde víctimas de la represión, razón por la que seguimos solicitando su apoyo solidario.

Con la fuerza ancestral de Lempira Iselaca, Mota Y Etempica se levantan nuestras voces llenas de justicia libertad y paz.

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WHAT TO DO:

- The #1 line of work in favour of global justice and equality is to fund and directly support local organizations so that they can continue to lead their own struggles in defense and promotion of development, the environment and human rights. Make tax-charitable donations to Rights Action in Canada and the U.S., to help support community-based organizations in countries where we work (Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Haiti, Chiapas (Mexico));
- Get involved in education and activism work in your home community concerning the negative impacts of global economic and military power abuse whose policies and actions are controlled by the G8 governments, including Canada and the U.S.;
- Consider establishing long-term partnerships between your community / organization with grassroots organizations / communities in these countries that are affected by the global economic and military policies and actions of the G8 countries;
- Consider coming to these countries on an educational-activist delegation;

Rights Action is a development, enviro- and human rights organization, with its main office in Guatemala. We channel your tax-deductible donations to over 50 community development, environment and human rights organizations in Guatemala, Chiapas, Honduras, El Salvador and Haiti. We carry out education & activist work in the USA and Canada (and take educational delegations to these countries) to learn about and get involved in good work for global human rights, a healthy environment and a just economic development model.

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