

Rights Action
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Goldcorp Cover-up of Health Harms in Honduras, #3

**Cover-up #3 – Newspaper article:
SICK EX-MINING COMPANY EMPLOYEES PROTEST IN FRONT OF THE SUPREME COURT
OF JUSTICE**

Over last few weeks, Rights Action has distributed articles and reports about how Goldcorp Inc. has been covering up and/or denying any causal links to widespread and continuing health and environmental harms caused by its open-pit / mountain-top removal, cyanide leaching gold mine in Honduras. Here is a 3rd story, previously reported on, previously ignored.



(Lesly Yaritza died at the age of five, on September 25, 2010. Lesly, from the community of Nueva Palo Ralo, had blood levels of 173 mg/dl of lead and 263 mg/dl of arsenic. From birth, Lesly suffered from progressive and increasing acute motor paralysis in the lower limbs. Photo 2007, by Gwendolyn Meyer, while on a Rights Action delegation to visit with communities and families harmed by Goldcorp's open-pit, mountain-top removal, cyanide leaching mine, in the Siria Valley, Honduras.)

BELOW: Article (La Tribuna newspaper): "SICK EX-MINING COMPANY EMPLOYEES PROTEST IN FRONT OF THE SUPREME COURT OF JUSTICE"

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SICK EX-MINING COMPANY EMPLOYEES PROTEST IN FRONT OF THE SUPREME COURT OF JUSTICE

19 noviembre, 2011, La Tribuna

(Translated by Rights Action)

<http://www.latribuna.hn/2011/11/19/enfermos-y-exempleados-de-minera-protestaran-frente-a-csj/>

TEGUCIGALPA. Siria Valley inhabitants, whose wellbeing was affected by their jobs at the EntreMares mining company [subsidiary of Goldcorp Inc] will protest next Wednesday at the Supreme Court, to demand compensation from the State for damages caused to their health.

Those who worked for the mining company in Siria Valley are demanding compensation due to the presence of heavy metals in their blood, which will keep them out of work for the rest of their lives.

Those who will protest "are employees and ex employees of the EntreMares [Goldcorp] company, many worked in extraction, others with heavy machinery and due to their contact with the chemicals used by this industry, such as cyanide, they became ill, but have not yet received compensation", informed the representative of the Association of Environmentalist Journalists of Honduras, Eduardo Yáñez.

He added that "these people have heavy metals in their blood. That is why they have been demanding compensation for two years now, since now they are all disqualified from working elsewhere".

He commented that when the company they worked for "realized how sick they were, they fired them and although they had labor rights, they didn't pay their compensations - despite the fact they showed that their health problem was caused by a work related illness".

Accordingly, this group of people will be at the entrance of the Supreme Court demanding justice from the Judges and Magistrates "so that in Honduras the laws start to be applied, once and for all, because the health of human beings is priceless. There should be punishment in this case".

NEEDED

Funds for health relief for Siria Valley villagers, and funds for education and activism work to demand that Goldcorp provide reparations to the health harmed communities of the Siria Valley.

TO MAKE TAX-DEDUCTIBLE DONATIONS

To provide funds to health harmed people in the Siria Valle, and to support demands and struggle for complete reparations and compensation, make check payable to "Rights Action" and mail to:

UNITED STATES: Box 50887, Washington DC, 20091-0887

CANADA: 552 - 351 Queen St. E, Toronto ON, M5A-1T8

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BACKGROUND

- 10 minute film, by Steven Schnoor, about health and environmental harms caused by Goldcorp in Honduras' Siria Valley, "All that glitters isn't gold - a story of exploitation and resistance": <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-tmaqXc5rX8s>
- 30 minute interview - "Face to Face with Grahame Russell" - concerning health and environmental harms and other human rights violations caused by Canadian mining companies in Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador, and about the impunity with which companies are operating: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=71mB0JuJSpE>

WHAT TO DO – A “CANADIAN” PROBLEM

Please keep on sending copies of this information, and your own letters, to your local media, to Canadian politicians and government officials, and to Goldcorp that – like most North American resource extraction companies around the world – is operating with the full support of North American governments. Please send copies to pension funds across North America – like the Canada Pension Plan – that are invested in Goldcorp and in most North American resource extraction companies around the world, with no concern for environmental, health or human rights concerns.

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