

GUATEMALAN VICTIMS OF MINING RELATED REPRESSION COMING TO CANADA TO SEEK JUSTICE AGAINST HUSBAY MINERALS

WHO: Mayan Qeqchi plaintiffs, from the nickel mining harmed communities of El Estor, department of Izabal, Guatemala

WHY: To participate with their lawyers (Klippensteins law firm) in pre-trial cross-examinations, with Hudbay Mineral's lawyers & participate in public presentations in Toronto, Wednesday November 28 and Thursday November 29

DATES: November 23-30, 2012

WHERE: Toronto, Canada

BACKGROUND FILM:

INTERVIEW WITH MARIA CUC CHOC

6 minutes (English/Spanish)

YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eprNmWV64I8>

By: www.miningwatch.ca

Maria Cuc Choc, an indigneous Mayan-Qeqchi community leader from El Estor in eastern Guatemala, visited Canada in June 2012 to speak about a range of injustices that Qeqchi communities have experienced, caused directly and indirectly by Canadian mining companies – particularly Hudbay Minerals. She expresses outrage about the burning and wholesale destruction of seven Qeqchi villages, the gang-rape of a group of Qeqchi women by mining company guards and police during an illegal forced eviction, about the shooting and paralyzing of a young farmer German Chub, and about the assassination of her brother-in-law and community leader, Adolfo Ich Chamán. She explains why justice is impossible in Guatemala and why they have filed 3 civil suits in Canadian courts. Maria is also the sister of political prisoner Ramiro Choc who has been in jail for over 4 years on trumped up charges due to his work in defense of individual and collective rights and in defense of indigenous territories and community well-being.

BACKGROUND ARTICLE:

GUATEMALAN VICTIMS OF MINING REPRESSION COMING TO CANADA TO SEEK JUSTICE IN COURT

By Grahame Russell

<http://rightsaction.org/action-content/guatemalan-victims-mining-repression-coming-canada-seek-justice-court>

FORTH-COMING FILM:

DEFENSORA

Watch 5 minute trailer: <http://www.indiegogo.com/defensora>

“Defensora” documents the Mayan Qeqchi people's struggle, in eastern Guatemala, to reclaim their ancestral lands, to promote community development and environmental well-being, and to seek justice and remedy for the murder, shootings and rapes committed against them by Canadian mining companies in Guatemala.

VIDEO:

TESTIMONY OF ROSA ELBIRA: A Mayan Qeqchi Woman and Gang-rape Survivor

September 2011 (5 minutes)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dSGuDk4cnz4>

In January 2007, soldiers, police and private security (hired by Canadian mining company HudBay Minerals' subsidiary CGN) burnt the entire village of Lote 8, and gang-raped 11 women.

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