

Remains Of Campesino Dug Up From Clandestine Grave On 'Paso Aguan' Farm

By Movimiento Muca, April 25, 2013



(Members of the Guatemalan FAFG (Guatemalan Forensic Anthropology Foundation) exhume remains of Jose Antonio Lopez Lara, April 25, 2013. Photo @ Movimiento Unificado Campesino del Aguan (MUCA), www.movimientomuca.blogspot.com)

NIGHTMARE OF REPRESSION CONTINUES IN HONDURAS

The remains of Jose Antonio Lopez Lara have been dug up, with signs of torture, from a clandestine grave on property that was under the control of Honduras' largest, most repressive land-owner – Miguel Facusse – who gets investment funds from World Bank to produce African palm oil for global 'green energy' markets.

MOST REPRESSION REGION IN 'MURDER CAPITAL OF THE WORLD'

Since the 2009 military coup, that was supported by the U.S. and Canada and [that](#) ousted the last democratic government of Honduras, the country has become known as the 'murder capital of the world' and the 'repression capital of Latin America'.

The Aguan river valley is the most repressive region in Honduras. At least 100 campesinos – like Jose Antonio Lopez Lara – have been assassinated and/or disappeared, most at the hands of death squads or Army and Police forces working in conjunction with Miguel Facusse who is trying to violently evict campesino communities from their lands so as to increase production of African palm trees for production of bio-fuels 'green energy'. The World Bank, amongst others, is a major partner of Miguel Facusse's Dinant Corporation.

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(FAFG exhuming remains of Jose Antonio Lopez Lara, April 25, 2013. Photo @ Movimiento Unificado Campesino del Aguan (MUCA) www.movimientomuca.blogspot.com)

(English Summary)

Jose Antonio Lopez Lara of Rigores was identified as the body found in the exhumation of a clandestine burial site in the Paso Aguan plantation today. The exhumation was performed by two Guatemalan forensic anthropologists [with the FAFG – Guatemalan Forensic Anthropology Foundation], and attended by Honduran judicial officials and representatives of COFADEH and campesinos from the area, as well as by local police and military officials.

Jose Antonio was from Rigores and he disappeared in April of 2012 after leaving home to go fishing. He had been threatened prior to his death by paramilitary security guards working for Miguel Facusse. With his body were found his fishing bag and a hat that his wife had given to him. His body showed evidence of torture and brutal beating.

Hundreds of campesinos arrived at the site with placards denouncing Miguel Facusse, Coronel German Alfaro Escalante of Xantruch III, and demanding that the government full fill the

agreement it made with the campesino organizations and also demanding that the World Bank suspend its financial aid to merchants of death such as Miguel Facusse.

During the exhumation and protest, a car full of heavily armed men arrived at the offices of MUCA in La Confianza, Tocoa and asked for the MUCA leaders.

Campesinos demand an end to the militarization of the Aguan. A state of vigilance is requested with concern for the MUCA leadership who are in a permanent state of being monitored and followed.

(Spanish Original)

EXHUMAN OSAMENTA DE UN CAMPESINO ENTERRADO EN CEMENTERIO CLANDESTINO EN LA FINCA PASO AGUÁN EN TRUJILLO COLÓN

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Hoy, 25 de abril del 2013, médicos forenses Guatemaltecos realizan exhumación de una osamenta humana encontrada en un cementerio clandestino, ubicado en la finca Paso Aguán, de la comunidad de Panamá en el municipio de Trujillo Colón.

La exhumación fue realizada a las 7:00 de la mañana en la Finca Paso Aguán, por los forense Guatemaltecos Alma Nidia Vázquez, antropóloga forense, y Leonel Paiz, arqueólogo forense. Asimismo participo el Juez competente de Trujillo, Camilo Peralta, el coordinador de Fiscales de Trujillo, Antonio Madariaga, el defensor público miguel Ángel Madariaga, el comisionado de Derechos Humanos de Tocoa, Juan José Trañon, forenses del ministerio publico, Ramón Sosa e Ismael Raudales, defensores de derechos humanos de Cofadeh, miembros de la policía, de la operación

Xatruch III y miembros de Dirección Nacional de Investigación (DNI).

La osamenta correspondía José Antonio López Lara de 47 quien desapareció el domingo 29 de abril del 2012, en la comunidad de Rigores, cuando salió a pescar al río para llevar alimento a su familia pero nunca regreso.

Según relatos de su esposa Rosa Delia Gonzales, ocho días antes de su desaparición, López Lara había sido amenazado con arma de fuego por guardias de seguridad de Miguel Facusse, quienes le habían advertido que si lo miraban nuevamente pescando no lo dejarían regresar con vida.

López Lara fue encontrado dentro de la fosa clandestina, con una bolsita en la cual llevaba sus cuerdas para pescar y una gorra que le había dado su esposa para que se protegiera del sol.

Entre lagrimas y con mucha consternación Gonzales, observaba la osamenta de su compañero de hogar el que fue torturado salvajemente, porque que el hueso de su mano izquierda estaba totalmente desecho, de igual manera su cráneo fue desfigurado a golpes, antes de asesinarlo, para después enterrarlo dentro de una fosa clandestina.

Al lugar llegaron centenares de campesinos y campesinas indignados con pancartas que decían 'fuera' Miguel Facusse del Aguán, 'fuera' Germán Alfaro Escalante jefe de Xatruch quien esta confabulado con los terratenientes. De igual manera exigieron al gobierno de Honduras el cumplimiento de los acuerdos firmados el 13 de abril del 2010.

Y por ultimo exigieron al Banco Mundial que suspendan definitivamente el apoyo económico a empresarios, emisarios de la muerte como miguel Facusse.

Mientras se realizaba la exhumación de la osamenta, llegó un carro con hombres fuertemente armados a las oficinas de MUCA, en la comunidad de la confianza Tocoa, Colón, quienes preguntaron por la dirigencia campesina.

Los campesinos y campesinas del Aguán exigen que se desmilitarice la zona y que se busque un mecanismo para, que la tierra que fue destinada para reforma agraria vuelva a manos de los campesinos.

Hacemos un llamado urgente a los organismos nacionales e internacionales defensores de derechos Humanos, a que se mantengan en alerta ante cualquier situación que se pueda dar en los próximos días ya que la dirigencia de MUCA se encuentra permanentemente monitoreada y perseguida por la policía, el ejército y los guardias de seguridad de los terratenientes.

“No Somos Pájaros para vivir en el Aire,
No somos Peces para vivir en el Agua,
Somos campesinos y campesinas que necesitamos vivir en la tierra.”

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The PROAH team is accompanying human rights defenders in this process. (Proyecto de Acompañamiento internacional en Honduras): <http://proah.wordpress.com>,
<http://hondurasaccompanimentproject.wordpress.com>.

WHAT TO DO?

AMERICAN / CANADIAN CONNECTION

Please send copies of this information, and your own letters, to your Canadian and American politicians (MPs, Congress members and

Senators) and to your own media. Since the June 2009 military coup, that ousted the democratically elected government Honduras, the country has become the 'Murder Capital of the world'. State repression has again reached the levels of the worst years of the 1980s. Since the coup, the U.S. and Canadian governments have 'legitimized the illegitimate' post-coup regime. North American companies and investors have increased their business activities in Honduras since the coup. In no small part, this repressive regime remains in power due to its political, economic and military relations with the U.S. and Canada.

UPCOMING FACT-FINDING DELEGATIONS

- Delegation to Guatemala, July 6-14, 2013: Mining injustice & Impunity ~versus~ Community well-being, human rights & the environment
- Delegation to Honduras, July 13-21, 2013: Struggle for democracy, human rights & the environment ~versus~ Military-backed regime, & global companies & investors

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