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TAHOE /GOLDCORP EMPLOYEES DETAINED IN GUATEMALA: Linked To Shootings And A Death

Three **Tahoe/ Goldcorp** employees have been detained for shootings of peaceful protesters and the killing of a police officer. Just in Guatemala alone, in recent years, security guards hired by **Hudbay Minerals** committed acts of repression and human rights violations, including gang-rapes of local Mayan Qeqchi women, shooting and paralyzing a Mayan Qeqchi man, murdering a community leader, and more. Employees of **Goldcorp**, in the Mayan Mam region, attempted to murder a local Mayan Mam women, the bullet entering her eye and exiting by her ear. No justice has been done for any of these acts of repression.



Victim of the April 27, 2013 shooting by Tahoe Resources (Goldcorp) security guards.
Photo/poster by Comitè en Defensa de la Vida y la Paz,
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Comit%C3%A9-en-Defensa-de-la-Vida-y-la-Paz/123958411115713?fref=ts>

MINING EMPLOYEES LINKED TO DEATH OF MEMBER OF NATIONAL CIVILIAN POLICE

Two Workers And An Advisor Are Detained For Participation In Conflicts

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<http://www.s21.com.gt/nacionales/2013/05/07/vinculan-empleados-mina-muerte-pnc>

Yesterday, Claudia Paz y Paz and Mauricio López Bonilla listed the different actions that took place during the State of Siege. At this point, investigations indicate that two workers and an advisor from the San Rafael mine participated in the disturbances, beatings and quarrels with community members. One of the detainees is directly accused of the death of a member of the National Civilian Police (PNC). [Rights Action note: The San Rafael mining interest is owned and operated by Tahoe Resources; Goldcorp Inc. owns 40%.]

Rony López, the Prosecutor for cases of Organized Crime, explained that Cláver Alarcón Lemus, 49 years of age, a presumed worker at the San Rafael mine, was detained yesterday accused of killing the agent of the National Civilian Police, Eduardo Camacho, on the 29th of April.

Alarcón was detained yesterday in Las Margaritas neighborhood of San Juan Sacatepéquez, in compliance with the arrest warrant from the First Instance Penal Court of Santa Rosa, charged with murder and attack. In the house where he was detained, they found two pistols with 15 bullets.

According to investigations, Alarcón had been ordered to attack the population that was protesting, and during the confrontation, he fired a shot, causing the death of the PNC agent who had come to assist the population. Andrés Dávila, head of communications of the San Rafael mine assures that this person does not work for the company.

ADVISOR IS DETAINED

The second person detained was Juan Pablo Oliva Trejo, a presumed advisor of the San Rafael mine, who is presently in the military hospital. He was detained last Saturday, accused of concealing the company's security forces so that they could attack the protesters. Dávila said he was unaware of that and preferred to leave everything in the hands of the authorities.

The third person detained is Alberto Rotondo, head of security. Investigations point to his responsibility in ordering the armed aggressions against community members on April 27th. Rotondo was detained on April 30 in the La Aurora International Airport when attempting to travel to Italy. Today he will give his first statement to the court that is hearing the case.

BACKGROUND

1. Summary of Tahoe/Goldcorp related repression and violence over the past few months: "Shootings By Tahoe Resources (Goldcorp Inc) Armed Guards In Guatemala: Before Goldcorp Annual Shareholder Meeting, May 2nd, Toronto" - <http://rightsaction.org/action-content/shootings-tahoe-resources-goldcorp-inc-armed-guards-guatemala-goldcorp-annual>
2. Photo-essay (english and spanish) by James Rodriguez: "Tahoe's San Rafael Mine Conflict Leads To State Of Siege" - <http://www.mimundo.org/2013/05/03/2013-05-02-tahoes-san-rafael-mine-conflict-leads-to-state-of-siege/>
3. Overview article, by Sandra Cuffe: "State of Siege: Mining Conflict Escalates in Guatemala" - <http://upsidedownworld.org/main/guatemala-archives-33/4270-state-of-siege-mining-conflict-escalates-in-guatemala>

FACT-FINDING DELEGATIONS

1. Guatemala, July 6-14, 2013: "Mining injustice – versus - Community well-being, human rights & the environment"
 2. Honduras, July 13-21, 2013: "Struggle for democracy, human rights & the environment – versus - Military-backed regime, & global companies & investors"
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WRITE TO YOUR OWN ELECTED OFFICIAL

This relentless and violent push for mining expansion – and the repression associated with it - is coming from Canada and the U.S., not from Guatemala. All the fundamental decisions are being taken by North American companies, investors and governments. The vast majority of any profits flow to the companies, shareholders and investors, while all the environmental and health harms, repression and other human rights violations occur against the local populations in Guatemala.

This will only be slowed down, or curtailed when Canadians and Americans successfully hold their governments, companies and investors to account. Write your own letters, and send copies of this information, to your own elected politicians (MPs, Congresspersons, Senators) - and to other government officials, your local media, etc. – to remind them that this state of repression, threat and impunity are substantially our problems, and that it simply will not end until Canadian and American politicians and officials take concrete diplomatic, political and legal steps to put an end to the repression linked to the unwanted and often-times violent expansion of Canadian and American mining company operations in Guatemala. ... And then keep on writing your elected politicians, again and again. They work for us. They have to respond to us.

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