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TAHOE (GOLDCORP) SECURITY CHIEF GAVE DIRECT ORDERS: "Kill those sons of Bitches"

Some Tahoe (Goldcorp) employees have been detained for shootings of peaceful protesters and the killing of a police officer. Just in Guatemala alone, recently:

- 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 woman, the bullet entering her eye and exiting by her ear.

No justice has been done for any of this of [mining-linked](#) repression.

TAHOE RESOURCES MINING EXECUTIVE IN GUATEMALA GIVES DIRECT ORDERS TO KILL PROTESTORS

<http://www.guatemala-times.com/news/guatemala/3653-tahoe-resources-mining-executive-in-guatemala-gives-direct-orders-to-kill-protestors.html>

Alberto Rotondo, executive of Tahoe Mine, San Rafael in Guatemala, gave direct orders to assassinate members of the community San Rafael Las Flores. The investigation of the mining conflicts in San Rafael Las Flores, Santa Rosa, took a 180 degrees turn, after the Public Ministry submitted audio from wiretapping as evidence. In the audio it can be clearly heard how Alberto Rotondo, head of the San Rafael Mining Security outfit, ordered to assassinate opponents of the mine.

The newspaper Siglo.21 published today a report titled "Rotondo ordered: Kill those sons of Bitches". The report documents how the Security Chief gave direct orders to assassinate mining protesters and opponents of the mining project. "The preliminary investigations found that Rotondo gave the order to attack the community, he also ordered the crime scene to be cleaned up and change the police report."

Siglo.21: <http://www.s21.com.gt/nacionales/2013/05/09/rotondo-ordeno-maten-esos-hijos-gran>

The information reveals Rotondo making several statements: "God dam dogs, they do not understand that the mine generates jobs". "We must eliminate these animals' pieces of shit". "We can not allow people to establish resistance, another Puya no". "Kill **those** sons of **bitches**."

Despite this situation, Rotondo is [under only](#) house arrest [as ordered](#) by officials of the justice department of Guatemala. The prosecution has asked to revoke that measure.

On the other hand, opponents of the mine are still detained without being brought before a judge, because their 'arrest warrants' were [issued during](#) a state of siege.

Rotondo was apprehended at the airport La Aurora, when he trying to flee the country. Wire tapping of conversations between him and his son reveal that he planned to leave Guatemala for a while, because "I ordered to kill some of these sons of Bitches."

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BACKGROUND

- Summary - Tahoe/Goldcorp related repression and violence over past months: <http://rightsaction.org/action-content/shootings-tahoe-resources-goldcorp-inc-armed-guards-guatemala-goldcorp-annual>
- Tahoe Resources Investor Alert Calls Guatemala Project A Dangerous Investment: <http://www.miningwatch.ca/news/tahoe-resources-investor-alert-calls-guatemala-project-dangerous-investment>
- Photo-essay - 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/>

FACT-FINDING DELEGATIONS

- Guatemala, July 6-14, 2013: "Mining injustice – versus - Community well-being, human rights & the environment"
- Honduras, July 13-21, 2013: "Struggle for democracy, human rights & the environment – versus - Military-backed regime, & global companies & investors"
- INTERESTED: Grahame Russell, info@rightsaction.org

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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As of March 31, 2012, the CPP has \$297,000,000 invested in Goldcorp, \$9,000,000 in Tahoe. http://www.cppib.ca/files/F2012_-_YE/Publicly-Traded_Equity_Holdings_-_CDN_-_March_31_2012_-_Eng.pdf

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