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New film:

**“Two Struggles for Justice:
Sexual Violence Against Mayan Q’eqchi’ Women in Guatemala”**

- Versión Español (30 minutes): http://youtu.be/aO8eq_YkaoA
- Q'eqchi-English version (33 minutes): <http://youtu.be/RqDUZe7NHuc>

Produced by ECAP (Equipo de Estudios Comunitarios y Accion Psico-social), “Two Struggles for Justice” presents the stories of two groups of Mayan Q’eqchi’ women from the department of Izabal:

- women from Sepur Zarco who have presented a criminal complaint before the Guatemalan justice system for sexual abuse and domestic slavery suffered in a Guatemalan Army outpost during Guatemala's State repression against its own people in the 1970-1980s;
- women from Lote Ocho who have filed a civil lawsuit in Canada against the Canadian mining company HudBay Minerals, for gang-rapes they suffered by security agents of the Guatemalan Nickel company (CGN) in 2007, subsidiary of Hudbay Minerals;



(Six of the Lote 8 women-plaintiffs, along with Angelica Choc, wife of the assassinated Adolfo Ich. Photo, December 2013 @ ECAP)

More Information About / To Support These Struggles:

Criminal lawsuits in Guatemala for rapes and sexual slavery during internal conflict:

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Civil lawsuits in Canada for rapes linked to Hudbay Minerals mining interests:

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Award winning film:

“Defensora”

- Trailer/ Screenings/ More information: www.defensorathefilm.com

Defensora, by Rachel Schmidt, 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, both in Canadian and Guatemalan courts, for the murder, shootings and rapes committed against them by Canadian mining companies (particularly Hudbay Minerals) in Guatemala.

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