Demanding Reparations Now!

From Guatemalan Regime, World Bank & Inter-American Development Bank ...

... for surviving victims of the Chixoy hydro-electric dam massacres and illegal forced evictions carried out by the U.S.-backed military regimes of Generals Lucas Garcia and Efrain Rios Montt, in conjunction with the World Bank and Inter-American Development Bank, 1975-1983.

(By Grahame Russell, May 29, Guatemala City)



Carlos Chen, survivor of one of the five Chixoy Dam/Rio Negro massacres (that killed some 440 villagers from Rio Negro, including Carlos' two infant children and his pregnant wife) holds a sign: "We demand that the President sign the governmental agreement for the implementation of the Chixoy dam reparations plan." Since 2004, Carlos has been a leader of COCAHICH (Coordinator of Chixoy Dam Affected Communities)

Hundreds of surviving victims of the Chixoy dam massacres and illegal forced evictions (1975-1983) are peacefully gathered (May 29) in front of the Guatemalan Presidential Palace, demanding that the regime headed by Otto Perez Molina (a former General who served in the high command of the Rios Montt military regime) release the funds owed to the surviving victims according to the Chixoy Dam Reparations Plan.

BRUNA PEREZ Demands Reparations From Guatemalan Regime, World Bank & Inter-American Development Bank!

On March 13, 1982, high above the Mayan Achi village of Rio Negro, Bruna Perez (on right, May 29, Guatemala City) fled down a steep thorn filled ravine, ducking as military bullets whizzed all around her.



Within hours of her miraculous escape, Guatemalan soldiers and civil defense patrollers had savagely massacred 177 women and children from Rio Negro, as part of a campaign of killings and forced evictions to clear out the Chixoy dam river basin, and make way for the completion of the Chixoy hydroelectric dam project, a "development" project of the World Ban, Inter-American Development Bank and the U.S.-backed military regimes of Generals Lucas Garcia and Efrain Rios Montt, 1975-1983.

Both Banks profited, years later, from their investments in this partnership with the genocidal regimes.

Funds are needed (via Rights Action) and food supplies are needed in Guatemala City (contact Carlos Chen) to support the peaceful and legally based demands of the Chixoy dam victims communities.

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