

## **Released! Jen Moore (MiningWatch Canada) and John Dougherty (film-maker) – who were arrested in Peru after screening the “Hudbay Mineral’s Hoax” film – have been released**

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### **Below:**

- Updated from Jamie Kneen (Mining Watch)
- On-the-spot account by Stephanie Boyd (Canadian film-maker living in Peru)

On the evening of April 21, 2017, over a dozen Peruvian police arrested Moore and Dougherty after a presentation of “Hudbay Mineral’s Hoax” in Cusco, close to where Hudbay operates its much opposed and harmful “Constancia” mine. “Hudbay Mineral’s Hoax” documents operations of Hudbay Minerals in Guatemala, Peru and Canada, and Hudbay's plans to construct the “Rosemont” copper mine in Santa Rita Mountains, Arizona.

View: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j7aacPtE18s>

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### **Jamie Kneen (Mining Watch) writes:**

Hi all,

I am extremely relieved to inform you that Jen and John are on an airplane leaving Lima for La Paz, and will be finalising their onward travel from there. Jen texted me a few minutes ago to say they were safely on board and leaving the gate. They did not encounter any harassment or incidents during their travel from Cusco to Lima or in the airport in Lima. Their legal support in Perú will let us know what will happen with the accusations against them, but the best advice they received was that this would be much easier to deal with than staying to face whatever the Peruvian government was cooking up against them.

As you may know, the Ministry of the Interior had responded to pressure from media coverage, Peruvian NGOs and at least two members of Congress (Edgar Ochoa and Marco Arana) with a very carefully framed item on the front page of the Interior Ministry's web site linking Jen and John's presence with the protests and violent confrontations around the HudBay mine last fall. "Sobre la Situación Migratoria Irregular de una Ciudadana Canadiense y un Norteamericano" (<https://www.mininter.gob.pe/content/sobre-la-situación-migratoria-irregular-de-una-ciudadana-canadiense-y-un-norteamericano>). One good article on their detention is RPP: "Documentalistas extranjeros denuncian intervención ilegal de la Policía" (<http://rpp.pe/peru/cusco/documentalistas-extranjeros-fueron-detenidos-por-seguridad-de-estado-noticia-1045705>).

Local organisers also reported police harassment around, but not at, the other film showings in the tour. The film will be also shown Tuesday in Lima (<https://www.facebook.com/events/229821817496463/>).

MiningWatch will be issuing a formal statement tomorrow. For now we are just relieved this sorry episode is over. We are very grateful for the concern and support that you all have demonstrated, and especially grateful for the support and legal assistance provided by Human Rights Without Borders and Cooperación. The Canadian and US consular officials were also very helpful.

Further action will be required to challenge the Peruvian government to justify the harassment and repression of local organisers as well as international visitors, but also to build support for the organisations and individuals who are continuing to work to protect the neighbouring communities from damage and to hold HudBay accountable. The company must vehemently denounce and discourage any and all repression in its favour, in the strongest possible terms.

Good night!

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**Stephanie Boyd writes:**

(April 22, 2017, Cusco, Peru) - New attack on press freedom in Peru.

Jennifer Moore of Mining Watch Canada and US-journalist John Dougherty were detained by Peruvian security police last night in Cusco, Peru, for showing a film that exposes human rights abuses committed by Canadian mining company Hudbay around the world.

Evidence suggests the police had been following them for several days as they showed the film to farming communities near Hudbay's Constancia mine.

Last night they were detained outside the Casa de la Cultura Cusco, a cultural center run by the municipality of Cusco, just after screening the film to a receptive audience of about 50 people. The audience included half a dozen mining students from Cusco's public university who were eager to talk to Dougherty and took photographs with him.

I was with John when the arrest occurred: we had just stepped outside the theater and were debating where to go to get some food and a beer when 15-20 officers and immigration officials swarmed us. The police demanded to see John's passport and insisted he accompany them. Jen had been encircled by another group of officers a few feet away and was in a similar discussion.

My partner Miguel Araoz Cartagena and I tried to accompany them -- I hopped into the back of the police car beside John to translate for him (he does not speak Spanish and couldn't understand the officers). The officers said there wasn't room for all of us in the squad car, but assured us they would bring Miguel and I with them in a second car (note that this was a civilian vehicle and not a police car in which the officers were traveling).

So John, Jennifer and a lawyer from a local human rights group were taken away in the squad car, and we were promptly barred from entering the 2nd vehicle. I tried to swish into the back seat beside several burly officers but was rudely left on the sidewalk.

Clearly, they just wanted Jennifer and John, knew who they were, and did not want any witnesses.

Luckily, several Peruvian Congress members including former priest Marco Antonio Arana Zegarra and Wilbert Rojas came to our aid. Soon a lawyer from Peru's ombudsman's office was with John and Jennifer and their embassies had been notified. The Congress members and human rights lawyers also spoke with the director of Peru's police force and the Ministers of Justice and the Interior. John and Jennifer were released after 4 hours -- unharmed but understandably disturbed by the events.

Human rights lawyer Juan Carlos Ruiz Molleda of IDL called the detention illegal. "Unless a flagrant offense has been committed, only a judge can order a person's detention in Peru," says Ruiz, noting that there was no judicial order to detain Moore and Dougherty. Ruiz added that Peru's constitution protects freedom of expression and that a foreign journalist should not be prohibited from exercising this fundamental right.

Thank-you to everyone who has written to make sure we're okay and for your solidarity with Jennifer and John.

This was an obvious attempt to censor the Hudbay film, which makes it more important than ever to screen it, write about it and share the link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j7aacPtEI8s>

<http://rpp.pe/peru/cusco/documentalistas-extranjeros-fueron-detenidos-por-seguridad-de-estado-noticia-1045705>

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