

Mining Impunity & Repression Emergency Fund (*Miref*)

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Family of Carlos Maaz Coc, shot and killed in Guatemala by police in the service of CGN nickel mining company

***Miref* Invoice: To Canadian and global mining industry**

- Item: Reimburse Rights Action for payment of funds to family of Indigenous man in Guatemala, shot dead by police while peacefully protesting environmental harms, human rights violations caused by global nickel mining industry.
- Copies: To government supporters; global investment industry; “aid” agencies funding the global mining industry; NGOs that receive money from “aid” agencies and mining companies to do “community development” projects with the mining companies
- Invoice #: ?? - lost count (will update in future)

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This *Miref* funding update to your Congress members, senators and members of parliament. Collection of *Miref* reimbursement payments might take some public pressure!

Facts

On May 27, 2017, Carlos Maaz Coc, a 27 year old Mayan Q’eqchi’ fisherman, was shot dead by Guatemala police who, in the service of the CGN nickel mining company (owned by Solway Group, formerly owned by Hudbay Minerals, Skye Resources, INCO).



The police killed Carlos Maaz while violently breaking up a peaceful protest of farmers, fishermen and their families who were protesting environmental harms and human rights violations caused by CGN's open-pit nickel mining operation.



(May 2017, CGN's nickel mine on mountain range on north side of Lake Izabal, Guatemala.)

Carlos Maaz is survived by his wife, Cristina Xol Pop, 22 years old, and his son Abner Estuardo Maaz Xol, 8 years old.



Funds

Rights Action made a US\$600 payment to the family of Carlos Maaz Coc (... a tiny amount for the killing of this man, but the best Rights Action can do at this time, given how often we make *Miref* payments.) Funds will be spent on short family needs for food and education for Carlos' son. Already chronically poor, the widow and son now face a very uncertain future.

***Miref* history**

Starting in 2005, Rights Action was obliged to start making emergency relief payments to victims of mining related repression and health harms. Some have been one-time relief payments and some have been on-going payments, due to the nature of the health harms.

Companies whose operations have resulted in repression, environmental degradation and water contamination, and human rights violations in Guatemala: Glamis Gold, Goldcorp Inc., Tahoe Resources, Radius Gold, KCA, Hudbay Minerals.

Harms and repression suffered by local community members

- killings (targeted killings, and people killed by police, military and private security violence)
- people shot and wounded (including paralyzed and maimed for life)
- gang-rapes
- burning of homes and villages to the ground, destroying all personal property, crops and animals
- water depletion and contamination resulting in health harms due to consumption (by humans and animals) of contaminated water

Reimbursement payment

Please reimburse Rights Action (indicating that the funds are for the *Miref*) as soon as possible. Mining repression is happening regularly around the world, let alone in the few countries where Rights Action operates; we cannot keep up with the needs for *Miref* payments.

More information

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