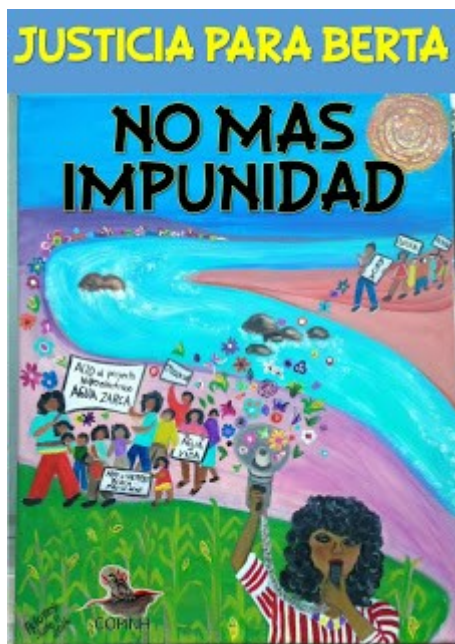


17 months of impunity since the assassination of Berta Cáceres and shooting of Gustavo Castro: Berta's family under constant attack

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There are constant threats and intimidation against the family of Berta – her children, her siblings, her mother, as they lead efforts to demand justice for her assassination ... while the “international community” continues business as usual with the corrupt, repressive regime in Honduras



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Cáceres Family Statement

July 26, 2017

As members of the family of Bertha Cáceres, we express our concern regarding the following:

We are constant victims of a hate and intimidation campaign that is increasing following the announcement of the definitive withdrawal of financing for the Agua Zarca Project.

On Friday, July 21, between 6-7pm, the patrol vehicle assigned to the protection of Olivia Marcela Zúniga Cáceres (oldest daughter of Berta Cáceres) was struck by a bullet in front of her house.

That same day, a video was launched on social media as a distraction. In the video, Olivia Zúniga expresses indignation in response to an attack by a National Party mob of school mothers sent by the teacher Yamilet Mendez Trejo. Olivia was filing a complaint with the educational system, and was in the office speaking with the Director after having spoken with the teacher (Yamilet Mendez) about calling her son (a young primary school teacher) names that stigmatized the minor.

Obscene markings have been painted on murals dedicated to the memory of Bertha Cáceres, as part of a campaign of hate towards our family and the struggle to defend human rights; these were made hours after the anti-corruption office MACCIH announced it will investigate acts of corruption related to the Aqua Zarca hydro-electric dam project.

Members of our family are constantly followed and under surveillance by vehicles with dark windows and no plates.

There have been break-ins and thefts in the homes of two members of the family.

Call centers and social media have been used widely to promote the campaign of hate and criminalization against our family. Our family members have received intimidating messages and death threats via social media.

We alert the national and international community to be vigilant and to condemn these actions that are intended to stop our struggle for justice for Bertha and to impose resource extraction projects of death in our territories.

We fear, and therefore we warn that these aggressive acts could lead to the same fatal outcome suffered by our beloved Bertha, because the same pattern is being repeated, now targeting other members of her family.

We hold responsible the regime of Juan Orlando Hernández and the violent, powerful groups that impose their extractive mining and energy model.

July 26, 2017

Cáceres Family

<http://www.defensoresenlinea.com/grupos-de-poder-estarian-detras-de-atentados-e-intimidacion-contra-hijas-de-bertha-caceres/>

In the U.S.: Demand that your Member of Congress co-sponsor The Berta Cáceres Human Rights in Honduras Act (H.R. 1299)

- <https://bertavivecopinhsigue.copinh.org/article/the-berta-caceres-human-rights-in-honduras-act-hr/>

Here, an update of a video of Bertita Zuniga Caceres (daughter of Berta) calling for the passing of this bill: <https://vimeo.com/206184044>

More information

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