

“U.S. and Canadian foreign policy killed Berta Caceres and 100s more since the 2009 coup in Honduras”

2nd anniversary of assassination of Berta: No justice done, yet ...

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Today, Berta Caceres – the Honduran indigenous, feminist, anti-capitalist, anti-imperialist leader - would have turned 47. Today and every day we thank-you for your life and work, vision and courage.

Over the past two days there were activities in Honduras and around the world, commemorating the 2nd anniversary of Berta’s March 2, 2016 assassination, when a well-prepared and paid hit squad shot her dead, late at night, in her home. The assassins also shot, but left wounded Berta’s long-time Mexican colleague and *companero* Gustavo Castro. No justice has been done in their case ... yet.



Banner on the wall of a COPINH building, at their ‘Utopia’ center.

The on-going struggle for truth and justice in the case of Berta and Gustavo is taking place in the context of a U.S. and Canadian-backed regime, judiciary and military characterized by corruption, organized crime and impunity, repression and violence.

This struggle takes place in the still-burning aftermath of the fraudulently, violently stolen elections of Nov.26, 2017. Since that day, over 40 pro-democracy protestors have been assassinated or killed by State forces, hundreds have been wounded, and there are dozens of political prisoners illegally detained in abusive conditions in militarized jails.



7:30am March 3, 2018, La Esperanza cemetery: Five of Berta's siblings (Joaquina, Hazel, Agustina, Gustavo, Roberto), and others, clean family gravesites and lay fresh flowers.



Roberto, Joaquina, Hazel and Agustina with their younger sister Berta.



And then, a day-long gathering at COPINH's main centre, 'Utopia', with hundreds of people from Honduras and beyond. COPINH was co-founded by Berta in 1992. 'Utopia' is a gathering place of hope and inspiration, vision and strength, even in the very violent, corrupt and greed-driven years that the regime and its "international community" partners are forcing the Honduran people to live through.



In 'Utopia', Grahame Russell (Rights Action) stands with Mama Berta, four of Berta's siblings (Gustavo, Hazel, Agustina, Roberto) and other family members. U.S. and Canadian government complicity indeed.



Bertita, one of Berta's four children, addresses the gathering.



Four life-long human rights, anti-imperialist, environmental defenders: Mama Berta, Agustina Flores (daughter of Mama Berta, sister of Berta), Dr. Juan Almeyda, and Padre Melo who presided over the day's religious ceremony and presentations.



COPINH's commemorative tribute to Berta.



"Welcome to Lenca territory: COPINH"



“Freedom for Edwin and all political prisoners.” Edwin Espinal – captured Jan.19 and held as a political prisoner in abusive conditions in a military run jail – was a great friend and supporter of Berta and COPINH.



I attended the Berta Caceres commemoration activities with Karen Spring (Honduras Solidarity Network), one day after accompanying her to the La Tolva military run jail where Edwin – her partner and one of the political prisoners - has been arbitrarily held in abusive conditions since January 19, 2018. Here, Karen entering to try and visit with Edwin on March 2, 2018.



“Wake up, humanity, before it is too late.” (Berta Cáceres)

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