

## Payments of more than \$100,000 (U.S.) to Guatemalan military and police leading up to destruction of Maya Q'eqchi' village of Lote 8, when 11 women were gang-raped (Globe & Mail)

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*“Skye Resources’ [bought by Hudbay Minerals] subsidiary paid more than \$100,000 (U.S.) to go-betweens, who channeled the money to police and the Guatemalan military to forcibly evict Mayan Q’eqchi’ people from their villages”. (Globe & Mail, Report on Business, March 2019)*

That community is Lote 8, where 11 women were gang-raped by company security guards, police and military during the wholesale destruction of their mountain-top village



German Chub, Maya Q'eqchi' plaintiff in Hudbay Minerals lawsuits

**“People are dying because of our mines. It’s time for the killing to stop”**

The Globe & Mail “Collateral Damage” report about the harmful actions of Canadian mining companies over the course of decades, focuses on the precedent-setting lawsuits against Hudbay Minerals, Tahoe Resources and Nevsun Resources.



**Introduction to report, by Duncan Hood, Feb.18, 2019**

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Margarita Caal and Rosa Elvira, two gang-rape victims, plaintiffs in Hudbay Minerals lawsuits, with German Chub.

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Luis and Adolfo Garcia, shooting victims, plaintiffs in Tahoe Resources lawsuits

While Rights Action can correct and add to aspects of this report, the fact that the Globe & Mail published this is proof that the work and activism of thousands of Canadians, and dozens of NGOs and solidarity groups, over many years, is working. The impetus for justice, accountability and real change in Canada is not coming from our political parties, corporate and investor elites and (with exceptions) the mainstream media; it is coming from citizens, solidarity groups and NGOs.

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With your support, Rights Action is funding and involved with the human rights / territorial and environmental defense and justice struggles of the Hudbay Minerals/Skye Resources harmed Mayan Q’eqchi’ communities (since 2004), and Tahoe Resources/Pan American Silver harmed communities (since 2012) – both highlighted in the Globe & Mail article and report. There is a long way to go.

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