

Aura Minerals mining with drug-trafficking linked companies in Honduras, in times of Covid19

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It was reported July 7, 2020, that the owners of INCOBE, a Honduran heavy machinery company partnered with US mining company Aura Minerals (until 2016, a Canadian company), must remain in pre-trial detention. They are accused of involvement with drug-trafficking organized crime.

<https://proceso.hn/mas-noticias/32-m%C3%A1s-noticias/seguiran-en-prision-preventiva-capturados-en-operacion-arcano-ligados-al-crimen-organizado.html>



Karen Yajaira Rodriguez, Azacualpa villager, blocking INCOBE/Aura Minerals machinery (November 2018) from destroying their 200 year-old cemetery and (eventually) forcing the relocation of the village itself of Azacualpa.

In November 2019, we re-published information from Karen Spring (Honduras Solidarity Network), that INCOBE (Inversiones y Comercializadora Benitez), the major heavy machinery business partner of Aura Minerals and its Honduran subsidiary company MINOSA, has been criminally accused drug trafficking and money laundering.

And that SESER (Servicios Especiales de Seguridad), the private security business partner of Aura Minerals/MINOSA, has been linked to illicit drug trafficking activities links to Tony Hernandez, convicted drug-trafficking brother of Honduran President Juan Orlando Hernandez who, himself, is alleged to be directly involved in drug-trafficking.

- “Aura Minerals linked to drug trafficking & money laundering in Honduras”, November 27, 2019 (<https://mailchi.mp/rightsaction/aura-minerals-linked-to-drug-trafficking-in-honduras>)

Courageous community defense struggle

Since 2014, Rights Action has supported the Azacualpa Environment and Cemetery Defense Committee, in their environment, territory, human rights defense struggle against the harms and violence caused by this mine.

This support continues today, as they provide emergency food and health support to community members, in response to Covid19, while resisting the on-going operation of Aura Minerals’ drug-trafficking linked mining company!

More information

- Hector Antonio Trigueros, Comité ambientalista de Azacualpa (<https://www.facebook.com/azacualparesiste/>)
- Lisbeth Jimenez, ASONOG (<https://asonog.hn/>)
- Grahame Russell, Rights Action (<https://rightsaction.org>)
- Karen Spring, Honduras Solidarity Network, spring.kj@gmail.com

Regular updates, Honduran issues

https://lists.riseup.net/www/info/honduras_daily

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