

## **BREAKING NEWS – GUATEMALAN COURT ACCEPTS GUILTY PLEAS OF MYNOR PADILLA (former Hudbay Minerals head of security)**

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In a hearing today (January 6, 2021), a Guatemalan court accepted the guilty pleas of Mynor Padilla (former head of security for Hudbay Minerals and Skye Resources; former Lieutenant Colonel in the Guatemalan Army) on charges related to mining-linked violence committed September 27, 2009 against Mayan Q'eqchi' community defenders near Hudbay's then mining operation in Guatemala.

Padilla had already spent 4.5 years in jail during the initial trial, before pleading guilty to all charges when his re-trial began on December 17, 2020. The court accepted Padilla's guilty pleas for the killing of Adolfo Ich; the shooting-paralyzing of German Chub; and assaults committed against two other local campesinos (farmers) – Haroldo Cucul and Alejandro Acte.



Adolfo Ich. Photo: James Rodriguez



German Chub, Alejandro Acte and Angelica Chub (widow of Adolfo Ich), before entering court

to hear ruling in the trial of Mynor Padilla. Photo: Sandra Cuffe, January 6, 2021

The court's written decision will be published January 13, 2021.

Information about the related but separate landmark Hudbay Minerals lawsuits in Canada:

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Information about the Mynor Padilla criminal trial in Guatemala, and about the land and human rights defense, and justice struggles of Angelica Choc, German Chub, and other Q'eqchi' land defenders:

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