

Criminalization of 35 Azacualpa community members by U.S. mining company Aura Minerals and MINOSA (Honduran subsidiary)

<https://mailchi.mp/rightsaction/aura-minerals-criminalizes-azacualpa-community-members>

35 community and environmental defenders from Azacualpa and other villages are being prosecuted on trumped up charges. Aura Minerals/MINOSA had 19 people charged since 2017. Now, 16 more have been added. They face criminal charges of "damages to private property".



Criminal charges against territory defenders from Azacualpa, La Union, Copan
September 1, 2021, Courthouse, Santa Rosa Copan

"Aura / MINOSA causes all our problems"



"The only crime we have done is to protect the environment and, from there, life"

Who "damages" what?

Aura Minerals/MINOSA damages and destroys the Azacualpa cemetery, the community and surroundings, the environment, the local economy and families now without jobs (many have gone as refugees into exile), and ... takes advantage of the corruption and impunity of the regime in power (steadfast "democratic ally" of the U.S. and Canada) to prosecute villagers for "damages of private property".

More information

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Background

Azacualpa Environmental Community struggle in defense of land, rights and cemetery:

Archives: <https://rightsaction.org/aura-minerals-archives>

Photo Gallery: <https://rightsaction.org/aura-minerals-photos>

Films

- “Story Behind the Story: What Aura Minerals didn't want us to see in Azacualpa” (2017), 4 minute film by Maggie Padlewska: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T1uY6E6zs7Q>
- “Where even the Dead can't rest” (2019), 6 minute film by Trocaire: <https://vimeo.com/365482741>
- “La Fiera de Azacualpa: Resistiendo la avaricia y destrucción de Aura Minerals” (2019): <https://youtu.be/o42NDTlgAFM>

Updates - Honduran political, human rights issues:

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

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