

Arbitrary detention of Pablo Choc husband of plaintiff in Hudbay Minerals lawsuits in Canada

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**On-going Solway Investment Group / Guatemalan Nickel Company (CGN)
mining repression in Guatemala
targeting Maya Q'eqchi' land and environmental defenders,
including 3 of 13 plaintiffs in Hudbay Minerals lawsuits**

On November 13, 2021, Pablo Choc was arrested by police in El Estor. As of Monday morning, Nov. 15, his whereabouts are unknown. Pablo Choc is married to Amalia Coc Tiul, one of 11 women raped in January 2007, by Guatemalan soldiers and police, and security guards working for CGN mining company (then owned by Hudbay Minerals, now by Solway Investment Group).

Amalia – in the video and photo, below - is one of 13 Q'eqchi' people suing Hudbay Minerals and CGN in Canada for mining-related repression they suffered in 2007 and 2009.



Maya Q'eqchi' women denounce mining repression linked to Solway Investment Group (English/Español)

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Video: Angelica Choc and Lote 8 women denounce mining repression linked to Solway Investment Group

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This most recent detention occurs during a military state of siege imposed by the corrupt government of Guatemala on behalf of Swiss company Solway Investment Group (and subsidiary CGN) that is illegally operating the 'Fenix' nickel mine in Q'eqchi' lands and communities in eastern Guatemala.

Recent repression

- Mining repression explodes against Q'eqchi' people. The "Fenix" mining operation in Guatemala is ILLEGAL (Oct. 20, 2021), <https://mailchi.mp/rightsaction/fenix-mining-operation-in-guatemala-is-illegal>
- Mining repression against Angelica Choc, German Chub and 100s of Maya Q'eqchi' land / human rights defenders (Oct. 27, 2021), <https://mailchi.mp/rightsaction/repression-against-angelica-choc-german-chub>
- Angelica Choc and Lote 8 women speak out (Oct. 28, 2021), <https://mailchi.mp/rightsaction/angelica-choc-and-lote-8-women-speak-out>

- Canadian lawyers for Angelica Choc & German Chub speak out about repressive raids against their clients in Guatemala (Oct. 28, 2021), <https://mailchi.mp/rightsaction/canadian-lawyers-for-angelica-german-speak>
- Arbitrary detention of son of Angelica Choc and the deceased Adolfo Ich Chaman, <https://mailchi.mp/rightsaction/detention-son-of-angelica-choc-and-adolfo-ich>

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Rights Action is sending emergency human rights funds to people we have long worked with in the Solway Investment Group impacted region, including the plaintiffs in the Hudbay Minerals lawsuits, the Gremial de Pescadores y Campesinos, and the Ancestral Council of Q'eqchi' people.

Funds are used to:

- Help people who have fled the military state of siege in El Estor
- Replace iphones and communication devices that were lost or illegally confiscated
- Support families whose bank accounts are frozen or family members were forced to flee military crackdown
- Help mobilize human rights activists to try and reach El Estor to bear witness
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