

Guatemala Election Watch #13 – August 1, 2023

**Bernardo Arevalo speaks
Presidential candidate for Semilla Party**

<https://mailchi.mp/rightsaction/guatemala-election-watch-13>

19 days to August 20th run-off vote

Attacks are being carried out daily on the electoral process and against the Semilla Party by the 'Covenant of the Corrupt' government and allies. Repression and selected individual violent attacks cannot be ruled out.

We need a Second Spring

Today more than ever we need to fight for a Second Spring, one that offers us more than what the Revolution of 1944 left us. We know we can do it, we know we are capable of it.

Movimiento Semilla, Octubre 20, 2022

- Watch (in Spanish): <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=426659992924625>

English transcript

The October revolution is not a nostalgic episode in our history.

The October revolution must be a mirror of what is possible.

The revolutionary junta allowed, for the first time, the holding of free elections in our history. And the democratic governments of Juan Jose Arevalo and Jacobo Arbenz then built the foundations of a modern state that marked our country's entry into modernity.

Such as the enactment of the labor code, and the dignification of workers throughout the country. The commitment to education as a strategy for national development. The creation for the first time of a Ministry of Health to serve the population and the foundation of the Guatemalan Institute of Social Security as a tool for social welfare.

Recent events such as the kidnapping of the University of San Carlos by political criminal networks, the violation of the autonomy of sports and the expulsion of our country from the International Olympic Committee, the continuing assault on the Guatemalan Institute of Social Security to turn it into a den of corrupt people and to ransack its assets, the unstoppable deterioration of all social and economic indicators of the country, show that we have not only been stagnant, but that we are in regression as a country.

We need a Second Spring.

A spring that guarantees accessible quality education throughout the country, to bring formal and dignified work for all, with an IGSS that universalizes services and covers the social security needs of the entire population.

To foster conditions that increase the productivity of workers and entrepreneurs in the rural and urban areas.

To build institutions committed to the fight against corruption and impunity and to the rule of law and democracy.

We can do it.

We know it because as a nation we have already done it.

In 1944 we reinvented ourselves as a nation and as a people.

Let us give spring back to Guatemala and long live the revolution of 1944.



Ancestral authorities of Maya Ch'orti' people showed full support for presidential candidate Bernardo Arevalo during his visit to their region in eastern Guatemala. They gave him a document of petitions and demands of the Mayan Ch'orti' communities and authorities of the Chiquimula territory.

Photo: Amilcar Morales, Prensa Comunitaria

US and Canadian responsibility!

The US and Canadian governments, our companies and investors, have a significant measure of responsibility for what is occurring in Guatemala, given the past 69 years of full economic, political and military relations with repressive, 'open for global business', Covenant of the Corrupt regimes, always referred to as "democratic allies".

Electoral coup d'etat in Guatemala A democracy and rule of law challenge for United States and Canada

By Grahame Russell, July 24, 2023

<https://mailchi.mp/rightsaction/electoral-coup-detat-in-guatemala>

Rights Action calls for Americans and Canadians to share this information widely (including media outlets), and to contact your Senators, Members of Congress and Parliamentarian. Urge them to make public statements and bring all pressures to

bear on the Guatemalan authorities to ensure that the electoral process proceeds transparently and peacefully to the August 20 run-off vote, and that the Semilla Party is allowed to participate fully with no further attacks of any kind.

- Senate: <https://www.senate.gov/senators/contact>
- House: <https://www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative>
- Parliament: <https://www.ourcommons.ca/Parliamentarians/en/members>

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Rights Action's "Guatemala Election Watch"

Guatemala Election Watch #1 – July 2, 2023

Real democracy in Guatemala? Semilla Party now favored to win Presidential election on August 20

<https://mailchi.mp/rightsaction/real-democracy-in-guatemala-1>

Guatemala Election Watch #2 – July 3, 2023

Is the electoral fraud fix in, in Guatemala? 'Covenant of the Corrupt' regime weaponizing legal system to attack Semilla Party electoral results

<https://mailchi.mp/rightsaction/is-the-electoral-fraud-fix-in-in-guatemala>

Guatemala Election Watch #3 – July 10, 2023

Electoral re-count re-confirms Semilla Movement Party success in first round of Presidential Election

<https://mailchi.mp/rightsaction/electoral-re-count-re-confirms-semilla-movement-party-success>

Guatemala Election Watch #4 – July 13, 2023

Electoral coup d'état attempted in Guatemala. Semilla Party "suspended" from elections

<https://mailchi.mp/rightsaction/coup-being-attempted-in-guatemala-semilla-party-suspended-from-elections>

Guatemala Election Watch #5 – July 14, 2023

Corrupted "suspension" order defeated, provisionally!

Risk increases that corrupted criminal charges will be filed against Semilla Party members

<https://mailchi.mp/rightsaction/corrupted-suspension-order-defeated-provisionally>

Guatemala Election Watch #6 – July 18, 2023

Semilla Party relaunches run-off campaign

<https://mailchi.mp/rightsaction/semilla-party-relaunches-run-off-campaign>

Guatemala Election Watch #7 – July 19, 2023

Corrupted Public Prosecutor's Office orders arrest of Semilla Party members

Attacks intensify against elections and favored Semilla Party

<https://mailchi.mp/rightsaction/guatemalan-regime-orders-arrest-of-semilla-party-members>

Guatemala Election Watch #8 – July 21, 2023

Corrupted special prosecutor's office attempts illegal arrest of Supreme Electoral Tribunal official for not suspending Semilla Party, as illegally ordered by a corrupt judge

<https://mailchi.mp/rightsaction/covenantofthecorrupt-attempts-arrest-of-supreme-electoral-tribunal-official>

Guatemala Election Watch #9 – July 24, 2023

Electoral coup d'état in Guatemala: A democracy and rule of law challenge for United States and Canada

By Grahame Russell, July 24, 2023

<https://mailchi.mp/rightsaction/electoral-coup-detat-in-guatemala>

Guatemala Election Watch #10 – July 25, 2023

Will US do in Guatemala what US has never done?

<https://mailchi.mp/rightsaction/will-us-do-in-guatemala-what-us-has-never-done>

Guatemala Election Watch #12 – July 31, 2023

Who is Arevalo? From the father (1944) to the son (2023)

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