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Radio Interview (33 minutes) with Grahame Russell, co-director of Rights Action: Update on precedent-setting Mayan Qeqchi people ~versus~ Hudbay Minerals lawsuits and the new "Defensora" documentary film

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In this interview, Grahame discusses:

- the precedent-setting lawsuits that Mayan Qeqchi plaintiffs from Guatemala (victims of serious human rights violations) filed against Hudbay Minerals in Ontario courts (www.chocversushudbay.com)
- the just released documentary film "Defensora" (www.defensorathefilm.org) that profiles the struggles of the Mayan Qeqchi people to defend their lands and community well-being and the lawsuits filed by the Klippensteins law firm in Ontario, on their behalf; and,
- the upcoming elections in Honduras.

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