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In Honduras: Tourism, Repression and Corruption vs. the Garifuna People

Along the northern Caribbean coast of Honduras, Indigenous Garifuna people are defending their lands, culture and way of life, against the illegal and repressive incursion of tourism investors, including those of the Canadian “Porn King” (Randy Jorgensen), who are partnering with corrupted Honduran officials in power since the 2009 military coup ousted Honduras’ democratic government.

“The earth is our Mother; the sea is our Father”

(Alfredo Lopez, OFRANEH)

Please view this 5 minute interview by Common Frontiers with Alfredo Lopez of the OFRANEH (Fraternal Organization of Black and Garifuna Peoples of Honduras). Alfredo sets out a series of abuses and violations that Randy Jorgensen is engaged in, violating collective rights of the Garifuna people.

- To View: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WpUc6ZQNnd8>

“Honduras: Mega-Tourism and Garifuna Communities Collide”

“Foreigners, mainly from Canada, are filing in to buy a small part of their dream of a wild tropical paradise...”

Please read this comprehensive article by Jack Edit: “Canadian “Porn King” Randy Jorgensen’s mega-tourism “development” projects are stirring conflict and destroying Afro-Caribbean Garifuna communities in Trujillo on the north coast of Honduras.”

- To Read: <http://www.wilderutopia.com/international/earth/honduras-mega-tourism-and-garifuna-communities-collide/>

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Since 1998, Rights Action has supported and worked with OFRANEH, the amazing community based organization that needs on-going support if the Indigenous Garifuna people are to resist and put stop to illegal and violent efforts to remove them from their ancestral, ocean side lands and communities.

- Speakers: Contact us to plan educational presentations in your community about these issues
- Join A Delegation: Form your own group or join one of our educational-solidarity delegation seminars to Guatemala and Honduras to learn more about these issues and struggles
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In Honduras, Repression, Violence, Impunity And Corruption Are Policy

Americans / Canadians: Keep on, keep on, keep on ... sending copies of this information, and your own letters, to your politicians (MPs, Congress members and Senators) and your own media. Since the June 2009 military coup, that ousted the last democratically elected government, Honduras has become the 'Murder Capital of the world'. Repression has reached the levels of the worst years of the 1980s.

Since 2009, the U.S. and Canadian governments have legitimized a succession of illegitimate and repressive regimes. North American companies and investors, and "development" banks (World Bank, Inter-American Development Bank) have increased business activities in African palm production, sweatshops, "model cities", tourism and mining. The Honduran regime remains in power due in large part to its political, economic and military relations with the U.S. and Canada and the "development" banks. Across Honduras, community based organizations in the pro-democracy movement need considerably more human rights accompaniment, funding, media attention on the harms and violations and education and activism in Canada and the U.S.

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