

Rights Action  
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## **Beatings & Tear-Gas, Blood, Broken Bones & Illegal Detentions at 'La Puya', Guatemala, On Behalf of American and Canadian Mining Companies**

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(May 23 - UNBC / Rights Action Guatemala Trip)

### **Emergency Funds & Letter Writing Needed**

- Funds needed for wounded, hospitalized and illegally detained - to make tax-charitable donations, see below
- Pressure needed on Canadian and U.S. Governments and on Companies – some addresses below



On May 14, the people of San Pedro Ayampuc and San Pedro del Golfo received our UNBC / Rights Action group at the "La Puya" community resistance site. They fed us lunch, and told us of 2 years of peaceful resistance to the illegal and repressive mining interests of the American company Kappes, Cassidy Associates (KCA), formerly owned by Canadian Radius Gold. (Radius maintains profit sharing interests in any future mining profits.)



On May 23, the Guatemalan regime – headed by former General Otto Perez Molina – ordered hundreds of anti-riot police to break apart the “La Puya” resistance camp. Result: tear-gas and beatings; cracked ribs, blood, dozens in hospital, and at least 4 illegally detain (political prisoners).

Today’s repression is due in large part to the unquestioning support the Canadian and U.S. governments give to North American companies (Goldcorp Inc, Tahoe Resources, Hudbay Minerals, KCA, Radius Gold) that, in Guatemala, depend almost solely on repression by the regime to illegally advance and protect their mining interests.



### **Tax-Deductible Donations (Canada & U.S.)**

Since 2012, Rights Action has provided emergency support and environmental defense funds to the people peacefully resisting at “La Puya”. To provide relief funds for today’s wounded and illegally detained, [make check payable to "Rights Action" and mail to:](#)

- [United States: Box 50887, Washington DC, 20091-0887](#)
- [Canada: \(Box 552\) 351 Queen St. E, Toronto ON, M5A-1T8](#)

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### **Make calls directly, or send letters (with photos) to:**

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Minister of Foreign Affairs - John Baird, [john.baird@parl.gc.ca](mailto:john.baird@parl.gc.ca)

Minister of State of Foreign Affairs (Americas) - Peter Kent, [kent.p@parl.gc.ca](mailto:kent.p@parl.gc.ca)

And to your own MP (Call your own MP, directly, to get their response to this.)

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