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“Jail For Corrupting Mining Companies” Thousands Gather In Guatemala To Demand Resignation of President & End To Corruption and Impunity



“We Are Sick Of Rat Presidents”, reads a sign held by a rat, holding bags of U.S. dollars and Guatemalan quetzales.



“No to harmful contracts. Forfeiture of licenses. Jail for corrupt politicians. Jail for corrupting mining companies ~ EXMINGUA [KCA Associates & Radius Gold], CGN [formerly Hudbay Minerals & Skye Resources], Goldcorp, Minera San Rafael [Tahoe Resources], Mina Marlin [Goldcorp Inc.], Entre Mares de Guatemala [Goldcorp].”

Speaking to Canadian and American university students observing the massive May 30, 2015 demonstration in front of the National Palace, Central Park, Guatemala City, Grahame Russell points out:

“When will Transparency International and other similar institutions begin to acknowledge that corruption and impunity are not 'national' issues - that other governments, global companies and investors, institutions like the World Bank, IDB, IMF, and more, contribute to, participate in and benefit from corruption and impunity in many countries around the world?”

“The real question for North Americans is how long will our governments, the U.S. military, North American corporations and investors – along with institutions like the World Bank and Inter-American Development Bank – continue to participate in, benefit from and help keep the corruption and impunity of Guatemala in place?”

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