

Five More Dead At CGN's "Fenix" Mine Site in Guatemala: CGN Is Co-defendant With Hudbay Minerals In Precedent-Setting Lawsuits In Canada

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These most recent deaths (August 2016) are added to a growing list of deaths – due to repression, accidents and “mysterious” circumstances – at the “Fenix” nickel mining operation in Guatemala that was owned for over 40 years by Canadian mining companies, beginning with INCO and ending with Hudbay Minerals. The Guatemalan company CGN was the subsidiary of Hudbay Minerals until 2011, and is co-defendant with Hudbay Minerals in lawsuits in Canadian courts filed by Klippensteins Barristers and Solicitors on behalf of 13 Mayan Q’eqchi’ plaintiffs for a mining related murder, a shooting-paralyzing and the gang rapes of 11 women.

Five Killed In Guatemala Metal Plant Explosion

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<http://www.hazardexonthenet.net/article/123393/Five-killed-in-Guatemala-metal-plant-explosion.aspx>

At least five people were killed and four injured by a boiler explosion at a nickel processing plant in Guatemala, according to Hoy.com. The incident occurred at in the northern province of Izabal at the Guatemalan Nickel Company (CGN Pronico) mine in El Estor. Pronico, a subsidiary of the Swiss Solway Group, operates the Fenix Project which includes a large nickel mine, power plant and metal processing facility. It began operations in 2014 and provides jobs for 1,770 employees and hundreds of local contractors, according to the company website.

Al Menos Cinco Muertos Por Explosión En Una Mina En Guatemala

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http://noticias.lainformacion.com/economia-negocios-y-finanzas/metales-y-minerales/mineria/muertos-explosion-mina-Guatemala_0_944306291.html

Al menos cinco personas murieron este domingo tras la explosión en la zona de calderas de una mina de níquel en un poblado indígena en el noreste de Guatemala, informó un portavoz oficial. La mina es administrada por una firma local subsidiaria de la rusa Solway Investment Group. El incidente ocurrió en una mina ubicada en el municipio de El Estor, 155 km al noreste de la capital, y operada por la Compañía Guatemalteca de Níquel (CGN), dijo a periodistas David de León, vocero de la Coordinadora Nacional para la Reducción de Desastres (Conred). "Se indica que hay cinco fallecidos en el lugar", precisó el funcionario, quien agregó que no hay reportes de heridos. Hasta el momento se desconocen las causas del siniestro.

La actividad minera en Guatemala se realiza bajo la protesta de ambientalistas, campesinos e indígenas, que se oponen a la explotación de minerales y a la construcción de mega-proyectos por considerarlos una amenaza para los recursos naturales.

BACKGROUND

3 University Students Killed At CGN Mine, In March 2012

Months after Hudbay Minerals sold its CGN “Fenix” mine interest in 2011, three university students were killed in, as yet, unclear circumstances. There are on-going efforts, today, to seek truth and justice in this case.



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Criminal Trial Continues Against Former CGN/Hudbay Minerals Head of Security



Mynor Padilla, former Hudbay Minerals head of security, former Colonel in the Guatemalan Army, is on trial for the mining related murder of Adolfo Ich and shooting-paralyzing of German Chub in September 2009. Watch 3 minute report by Steven Schnoor:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rllt5geTIJc&feature=youtu.be>

Defensora

By Rachel Schmidt, this film documents the Mayan Qeqchi people's struggle to reclaim their ancestral lands in Guatemala, and to seek justice in Canada courts for the murder, shootings and rapes committed against them by Hudbay Minerals / CGN personnel:

www.defensorathefilm.com. Spanish version: <https://vimeo.com/83654243>

Hudbay's Hoax (Flin Flon Flim Flam)

By John Dougherty, this film documents Hudbay's harmful, repressive and widely resisted mining operations in Uchucarco (Peru), Manitoba (Canada), El Estor (Guatemala) & Arizona (United States). View: <https://youtu.be/j7aacPtEI8s>

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Since 2004, Rights Action has funded community development, human rights and environmental protection work in the El Estor region. Since 2010, Rights Action has funded and been involved with the Mayan Q'eqchi' peoples' struggles for truth and justice in the "Hudbay Lawsuits" in Canada and the criminal trial in Guatemala. Make check payable to "Rights Action" and mail to:

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