

Seeking Justice for Rape, Murder & Repression in the Mining Industry: The Hudbay Minerals/CGN lawsuits

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Buscando Justicia por Violaciones, Asesinato & Represion en la Industria Minera: Los Juicios Hudbay Minerals/CGN

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After a day and half of questioning by Hudbay’s lawyers, Olivia Asig Xol is surrounded by her Q’eqchi’ sisters – also victims of the 2007 gang-rapes and wholesale burning and destruction of their village of Lote 8, also plaintiffs in the lawsuits - and by her lawyers Murray Klippenstein and Cory Wanless.

Despues de un dia y medio de preguntas duras de parte de los abogados de Hudbay, Olivia Asig Xol es apoyada por sus hermanas Q’eqchis’ – tambien victimas de las violaciones y demandantes en el mismo juicio – y por sus abogados Murray Klippenstein y Cory Wanless.



Four plaintiffs skype-participating in a public presentation with a university class, while one of their sister plaintiffs is down the hall being questioned by Hudbay's lawyers.

Cuatro de las demandantes participando por eskye en una presentacion universitaria, mientras una de las demandantes esta siendo interrogada por los abogados de Hudbay.

Summary: From Nov.8-24, in Toronto, Canada, eleven Mayan Q'eqchi' women from Guatemala are being questioned –one a day- by Hudbay's team of lawyers from the well-connected Fasken Martineau law firm. These examinations for discovery (depositions) are part of landmark lawsuits to hold Hudbay/CGN accountable for mining related repression at its former mine site in Guatemala, including gang rapes of these 11 women, the targeted killing of Adolfo Ich, and the shooting-paralyzing of German Chub. Plaintiffs German Chub and Angelica Choc –widow of Adolfo Ich – will be interrogated in 2018.

Resumen: Del 8-24 de noviembre, 11 mujeres Maya Q'eqchi's seran cuestionadas por el equipo de abogados de Hudbay Minerals/CGN. El proposito de estas demandas es responsabilizar a Hudbay/CGN por represion minera alrededor de su ex-mina en Guatemala, incluyendo la violacion de 11 mujeres de la comunidad de Lote 8, el asesinato de Adolfo Ich, y el ataque que dejo paralizado a German Chub.



Angelica Choc, one of 13 plaintiffs in the lawsuits. Hubday's private security singled out and killed her husband, Adolfo Ich, September 27, 2009. Here, with a shirt gifted to her, honouring Berta Caceres, the Lenca woman from Honduras, assassinated March 3, 2016, by the corrupt, repressive Honduran regime.

Angelica Choc, una de las 13 demandantes en los juicios contra Hubday Minerals. La seguridad privada de Hubday asesino a su esposo, Adolfo Ich, el 27 de septiembre 2009. Aqui, con un regalo de camiseta honorando a la Berta Caceres, mujer Lenca de Honduras, asesinada el 3 marzo 2016 por el regimen corrupto y represivo de Honduras.



Arrival, 3rd group of 13 plaintiffs, in Toronto to be questioned by Hudbay's lawyers.

Llegada, tercer grupo, de las 13 demandantes Q'eqchi's de Guatemala, en Toronto, participando en los juicios contra Hudbay Minerals por las violaciones, un asesinato y un ataque a balas.



Getting to know and enjoy -!?- the cold.
Conociendo y gozando -!?- del frio.



The well known Q'eqchi' jurist, Lic. Margarita Caal Caal, helping a client, Murray Klippenstein, understand a legal problem he is trying to work out.

La muy destacada jurista Q'eqchi', Lic. Margarita Caal Caal, ayudando a su cliente, Murray Klippenstein, con un problema legal.



And always, mutual love and support amongst the companeras-victims-protagonists-plaintiffs.

Y siempre, el amor y apoyo entre las companeras-victimas-protagonistas-demandantes.

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Free / by donation | 6-7:30pm. Thurs, Nov 23. | Friends' House. 60 Lowther Ave. Toronto.

Public Presentation, November 23, Toronto

- WHERE: Friends' House, 60 Lowther, Toronto, M5R-1C7
- WHEN: November 23, 2017, 6:00-7:30 pm
- WHO: Four of the plaintiffs; lawyers from Klippensteins; Rights Action;
- COST: By donation

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