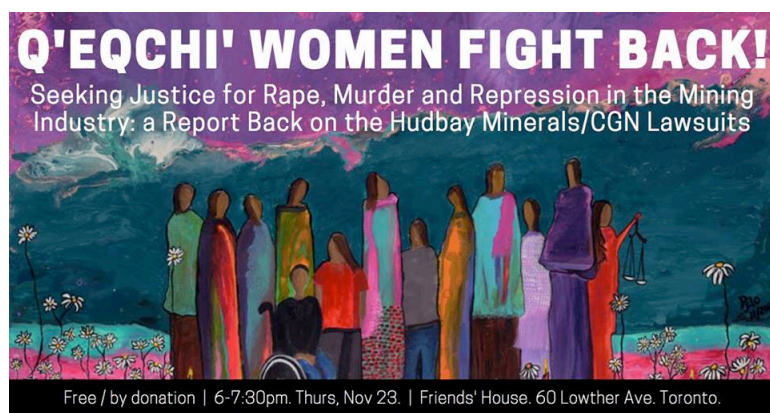


Legal challenge in Guatemala against mining license granted to Hudbay Mineral's previously owned CGN

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On behalf of the Maya Q'eqchi' Union of Fishers, CALAS (an environmental and human rights NGO) has filed a legal action filed against the Guatemalan Ministry of Mines and Energy to suspend the nickel mining license of CGN (Guatemalan Nickel Company), that was owned and operated by Hudbay Minerals 2008-2011, as the license was illegally granted in violation of the collective rights of the Mayan Q'eqchi' people.

- View: 2 minute impromptu press conference by CALAS and mining-harmed Q'eqchi' villagers: <https://youtu.be/8dheaXwIMRc>



In Canada, Hudbay and CGN are co-defendants in the precedent-setting Hudbay lawsuits, accused of negligence resulting in the gang-rapes of 11 women, the targeted killing of Adolfo Ich and the shooting-maiming of German Chub. While the illegality of Hudbay/CGN's license is not being directly litigated in the lawsuits, indirectly it is an issue. The plaintiffs (victims of Hudbay/CGN's mining repression) claim they were never consulted about Hudbay/CGN's mining operation in the first place, never gave their permission for company employees to enter their property, let alone operate a mine, and that the mining repression they suffered (forced evictions, gang-rapes, killings, maimings) occurred when Hudbay/CGN security guards, soldiers and police had illegally entered their communities and homes.

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