

## Media sells agony of the death of 7-year old Jackelin Caal, a refugee child from Guatemala, & censors complicit role of the U.S. and Canada

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The mainstream media is reporting widely on the death of Jackelin Caal Maquin, a 7-year old Maya Q'eqchi' girl from Guatemala, due to dehydration and shock while in U.S. immigration detention.



The media reports that she recently travelled across Mexico and into the U.S. with her father Nery.

- “Seven-year-old girl who died at border did not receive medical care for 90 minutes”, by Julia Ainsley, Jacob Soboroff and Cal Perry, NBC news, [https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/immigration/seven-year-old-girl-who-died-border-did-not-receive-n948071?fbclid=IwAR1ZfU43GyC4uuAX4UmxpL\\_-GEIEFxp8FPZplYzw\\_akOFSSNWsG8\\_NC42do](https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/immigration/seven-year-old-girl-who-died-border-did-not-receive-n948071?fbclid=IwAR1ZfU43GyC4uuAX4UmxpL_-GEIEFxp8FPZplYzw_akOFSSNWsG8_NC42do)
- “7-year-old Guatemalan girl dies after U.S. border patrol arrest”, The Associated Press, <https://www.cbc.ca/news/world/7-year-old-guatemalan-girl-dies-after-u-s-border-patrol-arrest-1.4945926?fbclid=IwAR3wC0bkEfebQnxj-95KQphiPFLICKB0pYvWpP5vTihkzZxZn1UbY7Xhxgs>

But the media is not reporting how this is the predictable result of the permanent-crisis in Guatemala that forces 10s of 1000s of people –like Jackelin and her father– to flee every year. The media is not reporting how this is caused, in significant part, by economic, political and military relations that the governments of the U.S., Canada and the European Community, the World Bank, IDB and global companies (African palm, sugarcane, banana, mining, dams, etc.) maintain with the repressive, corrupt, exploitative and violent government of Guatemala.

- “Refugee-producing countries: Honduras & Guatemala; Refugee-producing ‘international community’”, by Grahame Russell, <https://mailchi.mp/rightsaction/refugee-producing-international-community>

What remote chance do the Guatemalan people have of ending the conditions of exploitation and destitution, repression, corruption and violence, kept in place by their own government, military and police, that force so many to flee year after year, when other governments, global companies and banks do-business-as-usual with these elites, helping keep them in power?

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- Breaking the Silence: [www.breakingthesilenceblog.com](http://www.breakingthesilenceblog.com)
- NISGUA (Network in Solidarity with People of Guatemala): [www.nisgua.org](http://www.nisgua.org)
- GHRC (Guatemalan Human Rights Commission): [www.ghrc-usa.org](http://www.ghrc-usa.org)
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