

## To bury ones dead in Honduras is resistance to U.S. company Aura Minerals' destructive mining operation

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April 13, 2019: Family and community members bury Señor Irene Montoya in the Azacualpa Cemetery which has been under attack by Aura Minerals, U.S. mining company (that retains offices in Canada).

### One more dead buried in disputed Azacualpa Cemetery

(Information from Azacualpa community members in resistance, April 15, 2019)

Even as MINOSA (owned by U.S. company Aura Minerals) continues to try and illegally operate a gold mine in La Unión, Copán, Honduras – including the wholesale destruction of the Azacualpa Cemetery and community, ...



Azacualpa Cemetery hill. Since 2016, Aura Minerals/MINOSA has been trying illegally to exhume all the bodies buried here, to get at the gold below, and further up the ridge.

... family members of Señor Irene Montoya, 75 years old (who died the day before), decided to properly bury him in the community cemetery. “We buried him here because it is our cemetery and our loved one has to be with his sisters and brothers and family members”, said family member Pedro Rodriguez.



Behind, one sees a number of illegally exhumed burial sites.

Since 2016, Aura Minerals/MINOSA has been trying to exhume some 2000 cadavers buried for up to 200 years, so as to get at the gold beneath the cemetery and further up the mountain range. There are community legal challenges in the courts, trying to put a halt to Aura/MINOSA’s destruction of their Cemetery and Community.

## *"Because life is worth more than gold"*

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### Recent information

- **View:** "Story Behind the Story: What Aura Minerals didn't want us to see in Azacualpa", 4 minute film by Maggie Padlewska (2017): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T1uY6E6zs7Q>
- **Read:** "Aura Minerals/MINOSA (Canadian-U.S. Company) and Honduran police fire bullets and tear-gas at Community defenders, set fire to forest round Azacualpa community and cemetery", <https://mailchi.mp/rightsaction/aura-mineralsminos-a-canadian-us-company-and-honduran-plice-fire-bullets-and-tear-gas-at-community-defenders>
- **Read:** "Aura Minerals (MINOSA) blowing up Honduras in partnership with corrupt, repressive regime", <https://mailchi.mp/rightsaction/aura-minerals-minosa-blowing-up-honduras>
- **Read:** "Aura Minerals & Honduran regime use corrupted legal system as tool of repression against Azacualpa community/ environmental/ human rights defenders", <https://mailchi.mp/rightsaction/aura-minerals-honduran-regime-use-corrupted-legal-system-as-tool-of-repression>

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- NISGUA (Network in Solidarity with People of Guatemala): [www.nisgua.org](http://www.nisgua.org)
- Mining Watch: [www.miningwatch.ca](http://www.miningwatch.ca)

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