Vicious closed cycle of forced migrancy from Central America, mainly Honduras and Guatemala

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U.S. and Canadian politicians, 'experts' and most media outlets report on many aspects of the forced migrancy/refugee crisis from Central America, except how the U.S., Canada and the E.U., the World Bank and IMF, and global corporations and investors maintain full economic, political and military relations with chronically repressive, exploitative and corrupt regimes in Honduras and Guatemala, benefitting from and keeping in place conditions of violence, evictions and poverty that force so many to flee into exile, year after year.



"If the US invades our country and imposes corrupt, murderous dictatorships, then we will migrate to their country, and don't complain."

CINPH is the Indigenous Coordinator of the People's Power of Honduras, a community-based organization of Lenca descendant people in western Honduras. CINPH is co-led by Olivia Zúñiga Caceres, one of four children of Berta Cáceres, internationally respect land / environmental / human rights defender, and anti-patriarchy, anti-imperialist activist, assassinated March 3, 2016, by the economic and political elites of Honduras' military-backed regime.

More than two-thirds of migrants fleeing Central American region had family taken or killed

• The Guardian, 11 February, 2020, https://www.theguardian.com/world/2020/feb/11/migrants-fleeing-central-america-guatemala-honduras-el-salvador-family-taken-killed-study

US policy puts migrants at risk of kidnapping, extortion: MSF

Al Jazeera, February 11, 2020, https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2020/02/policy-puts-migrants-risk-kidnapping-extortion-msf-200211174904629.html

Trump's 'Remain in Mexico' program dwindles as more immigrants are flown to Guatemala or are quickly deported

• Washington Post, Feb. 20, 2020, https://www.washingtonpost.com/immigration/remain-in-mexico-deportation-asylum-guatemala/2020/02/20/9c29f53e-4eb7-11ea-9b5c-eac5b16dafaa_story.html

One year into "remain in Mexico," the U.S. is enlisting Central America in its crackdown on asylum

• The Intercept, Jan. 29, 2020, https://theintercept.com/2020/01/29/remain-in-mexico-year-anniversary-central-america/

Vicious closed cycle

The Honduran and Guatemalan regimes, together with their international partners (U.S., Canada, E.U., World Bank, IMF, global corporations and investors), have created a vicious closed cycle: creating and keeping place the very conditions that force people to flee; 'criminalizing' and jailing people when they flee; and then deporting them back into the same conditions they fled from.

Impunity and accountability challenge in rich, powerful countries

Until there is full and proper political oversight and legal accountability in the U.S. and Canada (and other countries), in the World Bank and IMF, and in global companies and investors for their direct involvement in the conditions of exploitation and poverty, violence and corruption in Guatemala and Honduras, then the 'vicious closed cycle' will remain in place.

Grahame Russell, Rights Action

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Since 1995, Rights Action funds human rights, environment and territory defense struggles and projects in Guatemala and Honduras; funds victims of repression and human rights violations, health harms and natural disasters; works to hold accountable the U.S. and Canadian governments, multi-national companies, investors and banks (World Bank, etc.) that help cause and profit from repression and human rights violations, environmental harms and forced evictions, corruption and impunity in Honduras and Guatemala.

Act - Stir up the pot - Chip away

Keep sending copies of Rights Action information (and that of other solidarity groups/ NGOs) to family, friends and networks, politicians and media – always asking the question as to why our governments, companies and investment firms benefit from and turn a blind eye to poverty, repression and violence, environmental and health harms that caused the forced migrancy / refugee crisis in Guatemala and Honduras.

- U.S. Senate: https://www.senate.gov/senators/contact
- U.S. House: https://www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative
- Canadian Parliament: https://www.ourcommons.ca/Parliamentarians/en/members

Other solidarity/ NGO groups in U.S. and Canada

- Honduras Solidarity Network: www.hondurassolidarity.org;
- Witness for Peace Solidarity Collective: www.solidaritycollective.org;
- School of Americas Watch: www.soaw.org;
- Common Frontiers Canada: <u>www.commonfrontiers.ca</u>;
- Breaking the Silence: www.breakingthesilenceblog.com;
- NISGUA (Network in Solidarity with People of Guatemala): www.nisgua.org;
- Mining Watch Canada: www.miningwatch.ca;
- CISPES (Committee in Solidarity with People of El Salvador): www.cispes.org;
- Alliance for Global Justice: www.afgj.org;
- CODEPINK: www.codepink.org;
- GHRC (Guatemalan Human Rights Commission): www.ghrc-usa.org;
- Mining Injustice Solidarity Network: https://mininginjustice.org;
- Mining Justice Alliance: https://miningjusticealliance.wordpress.com;
- Simcoe County Honduras Rights Monitor: https://simcoecountyhondurasrightsmonitor.wordpress.com;

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