

Justice for Berta Cáceres, assassinated by U.S. & Canadian-backed Honduran regime?

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Work and struggle continue – led by COPINH and Berta’s family members – to achieve justice against the “intellectual authors” of the assassination of Berta, the indigenous rights, anti-imperialist leader killed March 2, 2016

Below:

- COPINH trial update, August 20, 2020
- The Intercept, in-depth background article, December 21, 2019
- Links: films and interviews



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Impunity continues in the Berta Cáceres case

COPINH statement, August 20, 2020

Given recent news that the judge overseeing the judicial process of David Castillo, the only DESA executive charged for the murder of Berta Cáceres, has been transferred from the case, the daughters and son of Berta Cáceres, together with the legal team and the Civic Council of Popular and Indigenous Organizations of Honduras (COPINH), express the following:

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https://copinh.org/?mailpoet_router&endpoint=view_in_browser&action=view&data=WzU2MTcsljZkMGYyYmQxODYyNilsMiwiMmFhNGE2Iiw1NTc2LDBd

Inside The Plot To Murder Honduran Activist Berta Cáceres

Text and WhatsApp messages show that the conspiracy against Berta Cáceres reached the highest ranks of the company whose dam she had been protesting.

By Danielle Mackey, Chiara Eisner, December 21 2019, The Intercept

IT HAS BEEN more than three years since Berta Cáceres was murdered in her home in Honduras. Cáceres was a 44-year-old activist, mother of four, and an international celebrity — she won the 2015 Goldman Environmental Prize for leading a grassroots campaign to prevent a private energy company, Desarrollos Energéticos Sociedad Anónima, from building a hydroelectric dam on Indigenous land.

Near midnight on March 2, 2016, hired assassins broke into her home, shot her, and escaped. She died minutes later in the arms of a friend.

In preparation for the trial of the assassins, the Honduras Public Prosecutor's Office extracted thousands of private call logs, SMS, and WhatsApp messages from their phones. The call log evidence was examined by an independent expert, and it showed that the assassins had communicated through a compartmentalized chain that reached the highest ranks of leadership of the company whose dam she had been protesting. Those messages, analyzed below, provide a striking window into the plot to kill Cáceres.

[...]

<https://theintercept.com/2019/12/21/berta-caceres-murder-plot-honduras/>

Films & videos: Berta Cáceres

The Life and Death of Berta Cáceres (2020)

In 2016, environmental activist Berta Cáceres was shot dead in her home in Honduras. This film by Trocaire features interviews with Berta's daughter, sister and mother.

View: <https://vimeo.com/390771524>

Berta Cáceres: In Her Own Words / En sus propias palabras

Based on a 2012 interview we did with the Honduran environmental activist and co-founder of the Council of Indigenous People's Organizations of Honduras (COPINH).

View: <https://skylight.is/2016/03/berta-caceres-in-her-own-words>

View: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KjM81tYBew4>

Berta Cáceres, Goldman Environmental Prize (April 19, 2015)

In a country with growing socioeconomic inequality and human rights violations, Berta Cáceres rallied the indigenous Lenca people of Honduras and waged a grassroots campaign that successfully pressured the world's largest dam builder to pull out of the Agua Zarca Dam. She is

the South & Central America winner of the 2015 Goldman Environmental Prize, the world's largest award for grassroots environmental activists.

View: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zh9Sn9oJR94&feature=youtu.be>

Berta Cáceres acceptance speech, 2015 Goldman Prize ceremony (2015)

View: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AR1kwx8b0ms&feature=youtu.be%C2%A0>

Berta's Daughters Speak (2019)

Berta Cáceres was killed for defending the river on which Indigenous communities depend. Her daughters continue that struggle, despite the risks – as witnessed in this Amnesty International interview.

View: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sMdXkXR7U6k&feature=youtu.be>

Austra Berta Flores, mother of Berta Cáceres, speaks

Calling on international community to demand the full truth, so that those who paid and ordered the murder of her daughter be prosecuted.

View: <https://oxfam.app.box.com/s/ygf6fvlpI9fg08znt7irav78jip44lz1>

Assassination of Berta Cáceres: repression, impunity, corruption & profitable businesses in Honduras (April 4, 2017)

Wide Angle interview with Grahame Russell about assassination of Berta Cáceres; the U.S. and Canadian backed 2009 military coup; U.S. and Canadian business interests with the post-military coup regimes; why so many Hondurans flee to the U.S., year after year.

View:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WVMsJyMIIRw&t=83s&list=PLztbi9KA9roUoj_SKm_cehOB_LWo9uTFW&index=25

Dos años después de su asesinato, Berta Cáceres no se murió, se multiplicó (Febrero 2018)

Video en español por Sam Vinal.

View: <https://www.franceameriquelatine.org/6370-2/>

Honduras: Blood and the Water (September 2016)

AlJazeera Faultlines 25 minute report on assassination of Indigenous, anti-imperialist, feminist, environmental activist Berta Cáceres.

View: <http://www.aljazeera.com/programmes/faultlines/2016/09/honduras-blood-water-160920064355648.html>

Berta Vive (2016)

On March 2016, the assassination of Berta Cáceres shook the world. Gustavo Castro, Mexican environmental activist witnessed the crime and survived the horror of that night but was then trapped in Honduras. The defense against the construction of a dam at the Gualcarque River is the preface to this story. We follow Miriam Miranda, leader of the Garífuna people as well as a friend and comrade of Berta. Both women share the struggle for decolonization in a country

that is being sold to transnational capital and where death is delivered in so many different ways.

View: <https://vimeo.com/229310580>

4 Years Seeking Justice (January 17, 2020)

Democracy Now interview with a daughter of assassinated Indigenous leader Berta Cáceres

View: https://www.democracynow.org/2020/1/17/berta_caceres_laura_caceres_interview

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