

Demand return of five Garifuna land & rights defenders Disappeared by U.S. & Canadian-backed Honduran regime

<https://mailchi.mp/rightsaction/demand-return-of-five-garifuna-land-rights-defenders>

Rights Action joins the Honduras Solidarity Network (HSN) in support for demand of the Garifuna people in Honduras for the return of five Garifuna land/rights defenders forcibly disappeared on July 18, 2020 by the U.S. and Canadian-backed Honduran regime.

Following the leadership of OFRANEH, the leading Garifuna land, rights and environmental defense organization, the HSN (<http://www.hondurassolidarity.org/>) circulates this letter addressed to the U.S., Canadian, and Honduran governments demanding the return of the disappeared and an end to State and private sector repression against the Garifuna communities in Honduras.

- **Read & sign:** <https://docs.google.com/forms/u/0/d/e/1FAIpQLSfkrh-7rNfp3FVY-kbfJkPnBliB3WdEOldRQrZZbWp7cpUIQ/formResponse>

It's been over three months since the [forced disappearances](#) of five men - Snider Centeno, Suami Mejía, Milton Martínez, Gerardo Rochez and Junior Juárez - from the afro-indigenous Garifuna community of Triunfo de la Cruz, located on the north coast of Honduras. Their whereabouts are still unknown and [no progress](#) has been made in the investigation.



If you are a U.S., Canadian or internationally-based organization interested in showing solidarity with the Garifuna community, read the letter and consider signing.

- **Deadline:** Wednesday, November, 4 at midnight!

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Recent news: The Garifuna 5

- Canadian government Twitter hypocrisy, August 30, 2020. The Canadian government – that fully supports the corrupt, repressive, anti-democratic Honduran regime - should delete its “International Day of the Disappeared” tweet: <https://mailchi.mp/rightsaction/canada-stands-with-honduran-regime-doing-the-forced-disappearances>
- 5 Black Men Kidnapped by 'Police' in Honduras Are Still Missing, by [Jared Olson](#), August 21, 2020, https://www.vice.com/en_us/article/v7gjp3/5-black-men-kidnapped-by-police-in-honduras-are-still-missing
- Minority Group Fears ‘Genocide’ in Trump-Backed Honduras, by Jeremy Krypt, Aug. 10, 2020, <https://www.thedailybeast.com/garifuna-minority-group-fears-genocide-in-trump-backed-honduras>
- Indigenous men in Honduras are being abducted. Are the police to blame?, by Jackie McVicar, August 5, 2020, <https://www.americamagazine.org/politics-society/2020/08/05/indigenous-men-honduras-are-being-abducted-are-police-blame>
- 21 days since Garifuna land defenders disappeared by Honduran regime – Statement by Ofraneh (Black Fraternal Organization of Honduras), <https://mailchi.mp/rightsaction/21-days-since-garifuna-land-defenders-disappeared-by-honduran-regime>

Archives on OFRANEH

Articles, reports, films & urgent actions related to OFRANEH's work & struggle in defense of Garifuna territory & rights: <https://rightsaction.org/ofraneh>

More information

- OFRANEH (Organizacion Fraternal Negra Hondureña): @ofraneh, garifuna@ofraneh.org, www.ofraneh.org, <http://www.ofraneh.wordpress.com>
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Funds needed – Community defense struggles & Covid19 survival work

Even as Rights Action continues to send funds for Covid19 survival work of long-term partner groups in Honduras and Guatemala, we send further funds to OFRANEH as they respond to the disappearance of 5 Garifuna land defenders from Triunfo de la Cruz.

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