

## July 18 - 1st anniversary of forced kidnapping & disappearance of four Garifuna Indigenous land & rights defenders in Honduras

<https://mailchi.mp/rightsaction/1st-anniversary-of-disappearance-of-garifuna-four>

The four men – Garifuna land defenders - were forcibly disappeared from their families and community by agents of the military-backed, drug-trafficking Honduran government that (ever since the 2009 coup ousted Honduras' last democratically elected government) maintains full economic and military relations with the US, Canada and European Union, World Bank, IDB and IMF, and many global companies and investors.

### LLAMADO GLOBAL DE SOLIDARIDAD:

Muestra tu solidaridad con las víctimas de Desaparición Forzada del pueblo Garífuna de Triunfo de la Cruz, sus familiares y la OFRANEH.



Global call for solidarity. Show your solidarity for the victims of forced disappearances, for their families, for OFRANEH

On July 18, 2020, around 5:00am, approximately 30 heavily armed men wearing Police Investigation Directorate (DPI) uniforms and vests, identifying themselves as such, entered the Garífuna community of Triunfo de la Cruz, department of Atlántida, Honduras. They violently detained the president of Triunfo de la Cruz, Alberth Sneider Centeno, along with Milton Joel Martínez Álvarez, Suami Aparicio Mejía García and Gerardo Misael Trochez Calix.

Since then, their whereabouts are unknown.

It is hard to overstate the complicity and responsibility of the US, Canadian and European community governments, and other “international actors”, that empower and enable the drug-trafficking, repressive government of President Juan Orlando Hernandez to remain in power.

As we have done since 1998, Rights Action will continue to fund and support OFRANEH (Black Fraternal Organization of Honduras) that spear-heads visionary work and struggle along

Honduras north shore in defense of Garifuna lands and territories, human rights and the environment.

Via OFRANEH, we support SUNLA, the Committee for the Search and Investigation of the Disappeared of Triunfo de la Cruz. (<https://mailchi.mp/rightsaction/sunla-investigation-into-disappearance-of-garifuna-land-defenders>)

Rights Action will also continue to chip away at the complicity and impunity of the US, Canada and European Union, World Bank, IDB and IMF, and global companies and investors in the sectors of tourism and African palm production that employ systemic violence and corruption to steal Garifuna lands, evict families and communities, so as to invest in tourism operations and African palm production.

*“In the last two years alone, more than forty Garifuna have been murdered and a large number of others have fled their communities due to threats, criminalization and persecution.”*

Miriam Miranda, General Coordinator of OFRANEH

- OFRANEH (Black Fraternal Organization of Honduras) & TASSC (Torture Abolition and Survivors Support Coalition International) to receive Letelier-Moffitt Human Rights Award (<https://mailchi.mp/rightsaction/ofraneh-tassc-to-receive-letelier-moffitt-human-rights-award>)
- NJOI Trujillo Beach Residences of Canada, & other tourism invaders, criminalize 73-year old Garifuna woman defending her own land (<https://mailchi.mp/rightsaction/njoi-trujillo-beach-residences-of-canada-criminalizes-73-year-old-garifuna-woman>)
- A “Micronation for Sale” in Roatan: Tourism imperialism on Caribbean shore of Honduras (<https://mailchi.mp/rightsaction/a-micronation-for-sale-in-roatan>)

### Archives - OFRANEH

<https://rightsaction.org/ofraneh-archives>

Since 1998, Rights Action has supported OFRANEH that is - along with COPINH - a leading community defense organization struggling in defense of land, the environment, indigenous rights and a fair and just “development” model. Like COPINH, OFRANEH is leading the struggle against the military-backed, ‘open-for-global-business’, undemocratic and corrupt Honduran regime.

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