

## **URGENT ACTION**

### **Arbitrary detention of son of Angelica Choc and the deceased Adolfo Ich Chaman**

<https://mailchi.mp/rightsaction/detention-son-of-angelica-choc-and-adolfo-ich>

#### **On-going Solway Investment Group mining repression in Guatemala**

Arrested (Nov. 2, 2021) in El Estor, Guatemala, was Edgar Geovany Ich Choc, teacher, father of 2 children, and son of Angelica Choc and the late Adolfo Ich (killed Sept.27, 2009 by Mynor Padilla, former security chief of Hudbay Minerals/CGN).



This arbitrary detention occurs during a military state of siege implemented in the mining-affected Maya Q'eqchi' territories of Guatemala, on behalf of the illegal operation of the 'Fenix' nickel mine owned by the Swiss company Solway Investment Group and its subsidiary CGN.

## **Background:**

### **Mining repression explodes against Q'eqchi' people**

- "Fenix" mining operation in Guatemala is ILLEGAL (Oct. 20, 2021), <https://mailchi.mp/rightsaction/fenix-mining-operation-in-guatemala-is-illegal>
- Urgent Action: Mining repression against Angelica Choc, German Chub and 100s of Maya Q'eqchi' land / human rights defenders (Oct. 27, 2021), <https://mailchi.mp/rightsaction/repression-against-angelica-choc-german-chub>
- Angelica Choc and Lote 8 women speak out (Oct. 28, 2021), <https://mailchi.mp/rightsaction/angelica-choc-and-lote-8-women-speak-out>
- Canadian lawyers for Angelica Choc & German Chub speak out about repressive raids against their clients in Guatemala (Oct. 28, 2021), <https://mailchi.mp/rightsaction/canadian-lawyers-for-angelica-german-speak>

### **Rights Action archives (Hudbay Minerals, INCO, Skye Resources, Solway Investment Group):** <https://rightsaction.org/hudbay-minerals-archives>

### **Send urgent letters to**

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### **Emergency Response Fund**

Rights Action is sending emergency human rights funds to people we have long worked with in the region, including German Chub, Angelica Choc and Ich-Choc family, Gremial de Pescadores y Campesinos; Ancestral Council of Q'eqchi' people. Funds are used to:

- Help people flee El Estor, some by land into the mountains
- Replace iphones and communication devices
- Get funds to families whose bank accounts are frozen or family members were forced to flee military crackdown
- Provide food and shelter for people forced to leave El Estor
- Help mobilize human rights activists to try and reach El Estor to bear witness
- Prepare for legal defense costs related to abusive-trumped up criminal charges

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