

## **On-going jailing of judges, lawyers and prosecutors by U.S. and Canadian-backed 'Pacto de Corruptos' (Covenant of Corrupt) regime in Guatemala**

<https://mailchi.mp/rightsaction/on-going-jailing-of-judges-lawyers-and-prosecutors-in-guatemala>

For the Guatemalan 'pacto de corruptos' regime, the legal system is a tool of repression to be used not only against land and environmental defenders, but also against judges, prosecutors and lawyers who working honestly on war crimes and organized crime investigations and trials, all of which implicate the economic, military and political elites that comprise the 'pacto de corruptos'.

### **Illegal jailing of lawyers defending illegally jailed director of el Periodico newspaper**

In 2022, Jose Rubén Zamora, director of el Periodico newspaper, was jailed on trumped up charges. On April 20, his lawyers were jailed on trumped up charges, for defending him. The Prensa Comunitaria published this report on now jailed lawyer Juan Francisco Solórzano Foppa.

Solórzano Foppa recusa a Fredy Orellana y lo señala de ser juez y parte en el proceso

Por Regina Pérez, April 24, 2023

<https://prensacomunitaria.org/2023/04/solorzano-foppa-recusa-a-fredy-orellana-y-lo-senala-de-ser-juez-y-parte-en-el-proceso/>



Ruben Zamora's defense lawyers Justino Brito and Solórzano Foppa. @ Regina Pérez

As the Guatemalan regime maintains full political, military and economic relations with the U.S., Canada, the E.U, etc., neither Ruben Zamora nor his defense lawyers will get out of jail anytime soon.

### **Virginia Laparra, former anti-corruption prosecutor, sentenced to four years in jail**

The Prensa Comunitaria reports that on April 25 a Court of Appeals will hear an appeal filed by the defense of Virginia Laparra, against the sentence of four years issued by Judge Oly González in December 2022.

Sala que denegó arresto domiciliario a Laparra conocerá apelación de su sentencia  
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Virginia Laparra. @ Juan Rosales

As the Guatemalan regime maintains full political, military and economic relations with the U.S., Canada, the E.U, etc., it is unlikely Virginia Laparra will get out of jail soon.

Find here an archive (<https://rightsaction.org/other-war-crimes-trials-archives>) of articles and reports Rights Action has published / re-published, documenting this hijacking of the legal system, to then use it against human rights and justice defenders, land and environmental defenders.

### **Courageous reporting of Prensa Comunitaria**

It is hard to overstate the importance of Prensa Comunitaria, the only media outlet reporting daily and properly on the breadth and depth of corruption and impunity in Guatemala, ... at great risk to the people who work there.

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### **La lucha sigue**

As always, the struggle continues. Find below information about how to support land and human rights defenders, justice and democracy activists in Guatemala.

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