URGENT ACTION

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


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


Send urgent letters to

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• European Union Human Rights in Guatemala: jennifer.echeverria@eeas.europa.eu

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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