

# Hijacking of the Iron (Fe) from the Periodic Table

## HONDURAS TRAPPED IN THE LABYRINTH OF POWER

## FREEDOM FOR THE ENVIRONMENTALISTS! (GUAPINOL)



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The metaphor of the indigenous and peasants with respect to water is that they consider it as a living unit of nature and, therefore, without it, life cannot be lived or reproduced, when water is imprisoned as in dams or it is contaminated in mining, with iron, lead, gold and silver, the water becomes sick and dies, therefore, the living community that is in the cells and in the totality of living beings including the human species is affected.

Throughout history, we have understood that this indigenous and peasant metaphor has more force specially when in school and university we are taught the molecular physicochemical architecture of water. The indigenous metaphor of water has more strength to move the conscience of people and defend community life than a science without conscience that is not linked to the rights of the mother earth and human rights.

This semiotic language value, according to Voloshinov, every sign is ideological and manifests itself in the arena of the historical context of the class struggle.

I remember the wise words of Yael Danieli, researcher, scientist and psychologist, a student of transgenerational trauma, she told me that tears had more vitality and impact when faced with real suffering, when compared to a tear sample analyzed in the laboratory under the ultramicroscope of the ocular fluid.

The suffering and pain produced by mining exploitation in Honduras, has not only shed millions of tears, but the exploitation based on cyanide in the open air, when these lagoons are flooded by tropical storms, they flood the rivers and have extirpated millions of eyes of the dead fish produced by this criminal extractivism.

A month after Hurricane Mitch, Honduras was in its worst crisis, the mining companies corrupted some congressmen of the National Congress of the Republic, and when the country was in bankruptcy, they bribed some congressmen to pass a mining exploitation law based on cyanide, creating conditions for companies without proper ethical-scientific studies and corruptly approve mining concessions.

After the military coup in 2009, corruption and mining concessions proliferated and perverse laws that facilitate the sale of territories, damage to protected areas, river springs and forest biodiversity, increased; with the consequent criminalization of indigenous, peasant, Garífuna, Misquita, Lencas, Tolupanes, Tawahkas, Pech, Mayas, Chortí and human rights defenders.

The case at hand is a shameful and criminal act that affects the natural reserves of Honduras and violates the country's environmental laws and, above all, that incurs in the kidnapping of Iron from the Periodic Table, considering that the exploitation of the Iron oxide does not correspond to metallic mining and, therefore, implies that it was not extracted by open-pit mining, which is prohibited in areas near protected areas and the source of rivers.

We should note that communities and organizations have openly opposed mining extractivism in the Aguán Valley area, particularly Guapinol, Tocoa and the areas of Atlántida, Colón and Gracias a Dios. This fight for the defense of the environment, water and human rights has produced repression, persecution, torture, imprisonment, cruel inhuman treatments of the peasants of Guapinol, the Garífunas, Misquitos,

indigenous people, peasants of the Agrarian Platform, al Commons Committee, Popular Organizations of Aguán (COPA) and others; while the repressive forces of the State have protected to a greater degree the policies that favor the mining industry, the Pinares company and other agrofuels, which have been or are supported by the World Bank and other international financial organizations.

*On October 26, is the hearing to review the measures for the 8 fellow peasant leaders and defenders of the environment and water, who were detained arbitrarily.*

*"The eight defenders remain in detention, without legal basis, in violation of article 9 of the International Civil and Political Rights Convention," the United Nations (UN) group state.*

*Their arrest, the statement added, "was not carried out in accordance with the established legal procedure and did not contemplate the due guarantees of the rule of law."*

The conflict in Guapinol, according to the Regional Agrarian Platform of the Aguán Valley, Colón, originates "from the illegality of the mining exploitation concession to the company Inversiones Pinares.

This project affects the Carlos Escaleras Park, since through a decree presented in 2012 the core zone of the protected area has been reduced from 24,223 to 24,006 hectares.

"After reviewing the case of the eight defenders of the Guapinol River who are in preventive detention, the Arbitrary Detention United Nations Working Group has concluded that their detention is arbitrary, as the national authorities do not comply with the international norms regarding the right to a fair trial, as well as for contravening the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Convention on Civil and Political Rights. "

Friends of the Earth Latin America, member of Friends of the Earth International, and the Madre Tierra Honduras Association, ratify their solidarity and demand the immediate freedom of the peasants of Guapinol and the respect of the human rights of the Agrarian Platform, the Committee of Common Assets and COPA leaders.

For respect for life, mother earth and the construction of peace and justice

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