



## **Six Years of Impunity in the Killing of Mariano Abarca Roblero**

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Six years after the murder of Mariano Abarca Roblero, the leader of Chiapas-based REMA (Mexican Network of People Affected by Mining), his death not only remains exonerated, but the baryta mine that he was fighting against in defense of all life continues to threaten the area of Grecia, Chicomuselo. The mine is trying to gain access to lands already heated by tensions between those currently involved in neighboring baryta operations within the area of Santa Maria.

The corruption being exercised between the Canadian mining company, Blackfire, and the former municipal president, Julio César Velázquez Calderón, also remains unresolved—even after both the government of Canada and Chiapas blatantly withdrew from a pending investigation of their activity despite heavy evidence of ongoing venality.

Furthermore, Blackfire, whose employees threatened Mariano's family and killed Mariano, apparently disappeared from its Canadian headquarters and resurfaced last in October as a U.S.-based company still functioning in Chiapas.

In the inhumane face of exploitation, Mariano's kin, his widow and children, and REMA demand justice for the killing and degrading corruption, as well as the removal of all mining contracts in Chiapas since they lead to death, deforestation, contamination, and only worsen the current climate crisis.

We stand in solidarity with those fighting against the Nueva Francia mine within the community of Escuintla and surrounding municipals.

We also join the call for the Ratification Act of Territories Free from Dams and Mines that will be held this year on December 8th in Tapachula, in defense of la Madre Tierra.

**End Mining Exploitation in Chiapas!**

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