



ALERT: Intimidating act by the Mexican army in support of Canadian mining company Equinox Gold against community of Carrizalillo

We denounce the government's provocation toward a violent confrontation with the residents of Carrizalillo

(September 7, 2020) Today, at 17:40 pm, around 50 members of the Mexican army arrived in a truck and a pick-up at the entrance of the Los Filos mine in Guerrero, where the members of the Ejido of Carrizalillo have an encampment. This intimidating act took place in the context of the Ejido's demand for respect from Canadian mining company Equinox Gold with which the community has rescinded its agreements as a result of racist and discriminatory treatment.

Company representatives, in a distortion of the truth, argue that the Ejido is illegally obstructing the road, when it is the company that has failed to live up to its agreements with the community, ignoring their rights which have been irreversibly affected environmentally, socially and with regard to their health as a result of the mining operation.

It is highly worrisome – and we emphatically denounce – the lack of respect for the members of the Ejido and the breach of agreements that led to the current conflict, as well as the lies that the company is disseminating to try to evade its responsibility, oriented toward criminalizing them or a violent confrontation. However, even more serious and angering is the involvement of the army in this conflict, which should be resolved by peaceful and lawful means.

The Mexican Network of Mining Affected People (REMA from its initials in Spanish) calls on all citizens, the press and the general public to be **on alert** given this threat against the community of Carrizalillo, which is a clear intimidatory act on the basis of which we presume that the Canadian mining company Equinox Gold has the support of the government and the Mexican army.

We will hold the Federal Government and the company Equinox Gold responsible for any aggression that might be suffered by the families, elderly people, as well as girls and boys of the community of Carrizalillo who are in the encampment.

It does no good that the President Andrés Manuel López Obrador gloats that there will be no more mining concessions granted, if in practice mining companies that are pillaging our country violate the rights of the people with complete impunity and have the support of this government.

Where is the 4T? (Fourth Transformation, the name the current Mexican administration has given to its political project)?

Where is the defence of our population and our territories?

Is the Mexican army at the service of the company and defending dispossession?