

PRESS RELEASE

THE MAYAGNA INDIGENOUS PEOPLE DEMAND THE NICARAGUAN AUTHORITIES PROTECTION NO REPRESSION

Since August 23, 2021, when the massacre on the sacred hill of Kiwakumbaih occurred, in which the Kukalon Band, according to witnesses, murdered 15 indigenous people from the Mayangna and Miskito peoples, including a woman who was raped multiple times by members of the Gang and later mutilated, as well as a 6-year-old boy, while the National Police and the Ecological Battalion of the Nicaraguan Army (BECO), which are in the Bosawás Reserve, have not commented on the matter. Also conspicuous by their absence in support of our people are the Regional and Municipal authorities and the Indigenous Territorial Government (GTI).



In the photo, settlers armed with 22-gauge rifles and 12-gauge shotguns and chainsaws, in the Sauni As Territory in the Bosawas Biosphere Reserve.

The members of the indigenous communities of the Mayangna Sauni As territory, call on the authorities of the Bonanza National Police in the Autonomous Region of the North Caribbean Coast (RACCN) to capture those responsible for the massacre, disarm the

Kukalón Band, and the rest of the settlers who circulate freely and heavily armed in the indigenous territory, intimidating and threatening us community members.

Since the settlers seize the lands that surround the communities' houses - forests, areas for planting, gathering fruits and medicinal plants, fishing and hunting - and they do not allow us the indigenous people to return, under threat of death.

However, since Saturday, August 28, 2021, the National Police have been conducting searches without a judicial warrant and with waste of violence, breaking and forcing the doors, entering our homes; according to what they say in search of weapons, what they have done in the communities of Musawas, Kibusna, Panyawas, Tuybangcana, Piswas and Alal, acting against us the Mayangna instead of persecuting the suspects of the massacre. Among the Mayangna brothers detained by the National Police are: 1-Norman Hernández; 2-Ervin Hernández Devis; 3-Marcial Hernández; 4-Melenzo Miguel; 5-Sisman Luis, all from the Alal community and 6- Andrés Bruno from the Kibusna community.

The Mayangna women with tears in their eyes report that the National Police of Bonanza and Managua were sent, they said, to investigate the massacre in the territory now instead, they are besieging and harassing the indigenous population of the Mayagna Sauni As territory. And they wonder, who does the National Police protect?