

## **STOP POLICE TERROR AGAINST THE WOMEN LEADERS OF GUAPINOL AND THEIR COMMUNITIES!**

At 7 p.m. on Monday, September 13, 2021, we were notified that Mrs. **JUANA RAMONA ZUNIGA**, leader of Guapinol, had been intimidated without prior notification by the preventive police patrol, who were asking questions in several neighborhoods of the community of Guapinol and then later came to interrogate the compañera three times at different times in a provocative and threatening act to generate fear and terror.

Before this patrol, the leader stated the following:

"We have agreed as a committee, that the protection mechanism gave us to know in one of the first days that we had the right to police patrols to give us security, but we did not accept because of some events that happened before, on October 28, 2018 a criminal gang called Los Tabora grabbed us in the presence of the police force, who did not intervene and left the place of the attack, in that event 3 comrades were injured, on November 5 of the same year they entered the community and from the same house of the comrade Juana Ramón Zuniga they took 4 young people and took them to Tocoa, the community followed them and managed to get them released before arriving in the city. Because of this and many other actions on the part of the police, and because the inhabitants, instead of feeling safe, feel frightened, this situation does not fit".

We protest these actions of persecution against Juana Ramona Zuniga and demand respect for her life and human rights, as well as the cessation of terror and persecution against the women, men, boys, girls and elders of Guapinol.

At this moment, we are addressing this message to national and international organizations and we demand the freedom of the political prisoners of Guapinol.

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**Representative of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR).**

**Ambassador of the European Union.**

**Chair of Friends of the Earth International and Friends of the Earth Latin America and the Caribbean.**

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