Report of incidents in the Mayangna Sauni AS Territory, Nicaragua, 2023

On Sunday, July 2, 2023, a meeting was held in the community of Musawas, the capital of the Mayangna Sauni AS nation. The meeting was held to address the issues of territorial security due to the recent wave of invasions by settlers who continue to invade the land illegally. Community leaders, trustees, judges, volunteer rangers, religious leaders, among others, were present. After concluding the meeting, participants traveled back towards their communities, where they discovered that Sergio Julian Juan, 38 years old, had been ambushed and shot. Sergio was later transferred to the hospital, where he sadly lost his life while in an operation. That same day his body was transferred to the Sakalwas community to give him a Christian burial.

This unfortunate event was a result of armed settlers circulating freely on the land of the community. The armed forces, instead of disarming illegal invaders, protect them and allow them to operate with impunity. This is why the murders continue. There have been no investigations and there is no presence of the authorities in the community where these events are taking place. This is causing Mayangna families a lot of pain.

SECOND INCIDENT OF MURDER WAS IN DAKA WAS SECTOR (ULIWAS) Mayangna Sauni AS Territory

On Wednesday, July 5, 2023, another atrocious murder occurred in the Mayangna Sauni AS Territory. The victim was 23-year-old Serato Juwith Charly, originally from the Kauhmakwas community belonging to the capital Mayangna Musawas Nation. Other survivors of the attack described that while they were working on their plots of land, they were ambushed and shot at. Some community members managed to escape the gunfire, however, Serato could not escape the ambush.

We once again denounce these unfortunate and inhumane acts committed by armed invaders. We ask the national and international community for support in putting a stop to this genocide that threatens the Mayangna Sauni AS territory.

We call on human rights organizations in the international community to help us stop the invasions, constant threats, murders, dispossession of land, and forced displacement. This is causing the extermination of the Mayangna Indigenous communities, and for this reason once again we urge you to help us.

We cannot go out to look for food, we cannot harvest crops, our children are starving, they cannot go to study in schools for fear of the threats that the Mayangna women of the territory report. Please support us.