

# *The Guardian Reports Suspects in Berta Cáceres's Murder Received Training in U.S.*

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London, March 1 (RHC)-- A new investigation by The Guardian has revealed that leaked court documents allege Honduran environmental activist Berta Cáceres's murder nearly one year ago was planned by Honduran military intelligence members who are linked to the country's U.S.-trained special forces.

Berta Cáceres was murdered by armed gunmen just before midnight on March 2, 2016. At the time of her murder, she was fighting hydroelectric dams threatening the ancestral land of the indigenous Lenca people.

The Guardian investigation reveals that at least two men who have been arrested in connection with Cáceres's murder, Mariano Díaz and Douglas Giovanni Bustillo, received military training in the United States.

Honduran prosecutors say phone records reveal extensive communication between Díaz, Bustillo and a former Honduran special forces sniper who has also been charged in the murder. Prosecutors say this third man, Henry Javier Hernández, may have also worked as an informant for Honduran military intelligence. Prosecutors say one of the messages between the three men even includes a coded

reference to a payment for an extrajudicial killing.

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