

# *Six indigenous leaders killed in Nicaragua biosphere raid*

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Managua, February 4 (RHC)-- In Nicaragua, six indigenous environmental leaders have been assassinated after a group of at least 80 armed men raided the Bosawás Biosphere Reserve — the second-largest rainforest in the Americas after the Amazon.

The attack is believed to be linked to raging land disputes between the local indigenous community and illegal loggers and miners who seek to exploit fertile land, timber and gold.

Another 10 indigenous leaders were also kidnapped during the violent raid.

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