

# *Honduran court releases environmental activists who protested open-pit mining project*



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Tegucigalpa, February 14 (RHC)-- In Honduras, a group of environmental defenders from the community of Guapinol have been freed after the Supreme Court threw out a case against them.

Six people were convicted for protesting an open-pit iron oxide mine project in the northern Honduran region of Tocoa. They had been wrongfully placed in pretrial detention since 2019. The mine is inside a

national forest reserve and has polluted local rivers sacred to the community.

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