



## Centro de Derechos Humanos Fray Bartolomé de Las Casas, AC.

San Cristobal de Las Casas, Chiapas  
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Urgent Action No. 01  
Versión inglés

### **New armed aggressions by ORCAO against the community Moisés Gandhi**

#### **Guarantee the life and integrity of the Support Bases and respect for Zapatista autonomy.**

The Fray Bartolomé de Las Casas Human Rights Center (Frayba) has received information from the Junta de Buen Gobierno Patria Nueva, Caracol 10 "Floreciendo la semilla rebelde", based in the official municipality of Ocosingo, Chiapas, Mexico, in which they report that since January 18, 2021, members of the Regional Organization of Coffee Growers of Ocosingo (ORCAO) have attacked the Moisés Gandhi community of the Autonomous Municipality Lucio Cabañas with gunfire.

On January 18, 2021, from 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., members of ORCAO resumed aggressions with gunfire against the houses of the Moises Gandhi community. There were "around 170 shots of large calibers and 80 shots of small calibers." On January 20, 2021, at 16:00 hrs and 22:30 hrs, new aggressions were registered.

Today, at approximately 00:30 hrs, 02:10 hrs, and 02:55 hrs, again shots were registered against the houses of the community. The Junta de Buen Gobierno has reported that at least 20 members of ORCAO from the communities of San Antonio, Cuxuljá, San Francisco, and 7 de febrero in the municipality of Ocosingo have participated in these attacks.

Since April 2019, the community of Moisés Gandhi has been attacked by members of ORCAO resulting in the destruction of property and physical and verbal aggressions. By March 2019, aggressions with firearms began in the direction of the community. On August 22, 2020, looting and burning of the coffee warehouse located in the "Nuevo Amanecer del Arcoiris" Trade Center at the Cuxuljá crossroads took place. On November 8, 2020, members of ORCAO kidnap Felix Lopez Hernandez, Zapatista Support Base of the community of Moises Gandhi, who was released after 4 days. Frayba calls on the Mexican State to intervene immediately and cease the aggressions against the Moisés Gandhi community of the Autonomous Municipality Lucio Cabañas, since the lives and integrity of the women, girls, boys and men of the Maya-Tzeltal People are at risk. The actions taken must respect the jurisdiction, autonomy and self-determination of the Zapatista Good Government Councils.

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