

SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE AMAZON STATE INDIGENOUS ORGANIZATIONS (COIAM)

We request that the investigation continue and that the inspection team arrive in the community where the event allegedly took place.

On September 3, 2012, we, indigenous peoples and communities of the Venezuelan Amazon, grouped in the Coordination of Indigenous Organizations of the Amazon (COIAM), HIRONAMI ORGANIZATION YANOMAMI and the National Indian Council of Venezuela, gathered in Puerto Ayacucho, would like to present the following **ANNOUNCEMENT** about **ALLEGED MASSACRE OF YANOMAMI INDIANS** in **IROTATHERI** community, Alto Orinoco Municipality, perpetrated by illegal miners from Brazil (*garimpeiros*):

1. - **We recognize the efforts of the institutions of the Venezuelan State and the National Government** who went to the area, especially the Public Ministry, the 52nd Brigade, the CICPC, the Ombudsman, for relevant research and to verify the information received in Parima "B" on the alleged occurrence of a massacre of the Yanomami Indians of Irotatheri shapono in the Upper Ocamo. Our organizations have acted without political agendas neither have we been stimulated by third parties alien to indigenous peoples human rights struggles.

2.- We are concerned that despite the fact that on September 2, 2012, the Commission arrived to MOMOI, they **DID NOT REACH TO IROTATHERI SHAPONO**, the place where the alleged events took place on Julio 2012, thus it **cannot be stated that that no evidence was found to prove the alleged massacre.**

3. - We request that the **INVESTIGATION OF THE DENOUNCED FACTS PROCEED TO REACH THE IROTATHERI COMMUNITY**, which would determine exactly what happened given that the information came to Parima "B" in the presence of several institutions, thus the reason for which HIRONAMI Yanomami Organization requested an investigation to the Public Attorney and requested that the allegations be corroborated.

4. - Finally, the indigenous organizations grouped in COIAM, pledge to respect the right to life and that all violent aggressions against Yanomami people by illegal miners from Brazil (*garimpeiros*) be controlled bilaterally by the two countries.

HIRONAMI YANOMAMI ORGANIZATION

Organización Regional de Pueblos Indígenas de Amazonas (ORPIA) [Regional Organization of Indigenous Peoples of the Amazon]

Organización Indígena Piaroa Unidos del Sipapo (OIPUS) [Organization of United Piaroa from Sipapo]

Organización Ye'kuana del Alto Ventuari (KUYUNU) [Organization of Ye'kuana from Upper Ventuari]

Organización Indígena Jivi Kalievirrinae (OPIJKA) [Jivi Kalievirrinae Indigenous Organization]

Organización Mujeres Indígenas de Amazonas (OMIDA) [Amazon Indigenous Women Organization]

Asociación de Maestros Piaroa (Madoya Huarijja) [Piaroa Teachers Association]

Organización Yekuana del Alto Orinoco (KUYUJANI Originario) [Yekuana Organization of Upper Orinoco]

Organización Indígena de Río Negro (UCIABYRN) [Indigenous Organization of Río Negro]

Organización Piaroa de Manapiare, [Piaroa Organization from Manapiare]

Organización Yabarana del Parucito (OIYAPAM) [Yabarana Organization from Parucito]

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