

Mofilms' latest documentary 'Justicia Now' features CNN Hero Pablo Fajardo

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Film includes celebrity activists:

PABLO FAJARDO, DARYL HANNAH, STUART TOWNSEND & JOHN QUIGLEY

'**Justicia Now**' is a documentary about ChevronTexaco's toxic legacy in the Northern Ecuadorian region of the Amazon rainforest - and a courageous group of people called Los Afectados (The Affected Ones) who are seeking justice for the ensuing cancer, sickness and death in the largest environmental class action lawsuit in history.

The film features Pablo Fajardo, who just won a CNN Hero award in the Fight for Justice category, established to recognize leaders "advancing the cause of civil or equal rights". Mofilms applauds Pablo for his unwavering dedication and hopes that this award serves as a vehicle to help bring international attention to this landmark legal case being fought in the jungle.

Born in to poverty the same year ChevronTexaco (formally Texaco) arrived in Ecuador, Pablo Fajardo grew up with the contamination and witnessed first-hand the catastrophic effects that irresponsible oil extraction has had on the land and the people. The devastation has led some to describe the situation as a "rainforest Chernobyl" and "time released genocide."

"Everything the communities live on or off is poisoned. There are epidemics of cancer, every type of cancer in children, babies, women and men. It's heartbreaking and it's reprehensible." – Daryl Hannah, Actress and Activist

Over the course of three decades, Texaco dumped more than 18 billion gallons of toxic wastewater into the Amazon rainforest, having failed to follow basic environmental standards that were law in the United States at the time. This allowed Texaco to save a few bucks on the cost of extracting a barrel of oil and thus increase their profits and keep the shareholders happy. One indigenous tribe from the region has been completely wiped out and another is on the verge of extinction. Rates of cancer, leukemia, stillbirths and skin disease have sky rocketed amongst the local population and still very little has been done! The estimate for environmental remediation alone is currently \$6 billion.

"ChevronTexaco spends millions of dollars on advertising, greenwashing themselves. If you look at a number of these ads you'd think that they are actually saving the planet. This would be a chance for them to really shine a light and be an example of corporate responsibility" - Stuart Townsend, Director & Activist

A human rights activist since he was a teenager, Pablo put himself through law school and earned his degree in 2004. He is now the lead lawyer for the plaintiffs in the case against ChevronTexaco. Despite the ongoing ruthless tactics of the American oil giant's army of lawyers (including intimidation, attempts to discredit the judge and court appointed experts, theft of property from his office and the brutal assassination of his brother, a crime that has yet to be investigated), Pablo remains dedicated to seeking justice for his people.

"His commitment, his integrity, the way that he carries the work is unparalleled and such a blessing

for the people of the region. He's just someone who inspires people." - Atossa Soltani, Founder & Executive Director of Amazon Watch

'Justicia Now' is available for free as a high quality download at www.JusticiaNow.org.

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