

Human Rights Under Attack in Arcatao



Mothers in Arcatao show pictures of their sons who have been captured under Nayib Bukele's State of Exception.
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We're sending a reminder about our in-person speaking event on Monday, July 10 at 6 pm. Please RSVP below if you haven't already.

Dear Friends of MASCP,

Our MASCP/US El Salvador Sister Cities delegation has just returned from El Salvador.

One of our delegates writes:

"We've just gotten back from an intense and sobering delegation to Arcatao. We were able to see the reality that our Sisters and Brothers in Arcatao face under Salvadoran President Bukele's administration.

Young people between the ages of 16-30 are being arrested without cause and put in prison without warrants, access to a lawyer, or any other civil liberties. The Town Council of Arcatao asked us very clearly to share what is happening there.

During the civil war (1980-1992) our mission was to tell the people of Arcatao's story and they've asked that we tell it again now. Repression has started in the form of new soldier posts in the town. Not only are the soldiers there but they are beating people in the streets when questioning them. Students on the way home from school have been stripped naked and searched. Many families have lost family members who are now imprisoned without justification.

We met with the Youth Council and very few people in the 16-30-year-old age range are left in our sister city. They have either migrated to Honduras or the US. [This is the video that the youth of Arcatao created and asked us to share.](#)

Having heard family members themselves mourn their missing sons, we are renewed as an organization, realizing the importance of our solidarity. If there were ever a time to get involved and/or donate this is it. We invite you to come and hear our delegates at a brief presentation on July 10."

ARCATAO SPEAKS OUT

Monday, July 10, 2023

6:00-7:30 pm

Village Cohousing Community

1104 Mound Street, Madison

A simple supper will be provided

RSVP



LISTEN TO MASCP DELEGATES

Sunday, July 9, 2023

5:00pm

World View

W.O.R.T. Radio

89.9 FM

Tune into WORT to hear Abi Degner and Sara Hagen, who just returned from the MASCP sponsored trip to Arcatao, El Salvador, discuss what they learned about the critical political situation in El Salvador and in our sister city. They will also share the many ongoing projects the organized community in Arcatao is managing to accomplish despite the challenges and fear that the year of Bukele's marshal law has caused.



Donate to MASCP's Sue and Art Lloyd Youth Development Fund

which supports youth in Arcatao as they organize, study, and work to change unjust structures in their communities and fight for democracy in El Salvador.

Sue and Art created MASCP in 1986 and ensured the long life of MASCP to this day. They viewed the development of youth leadership as absolutely critical to the continuity of community organizing for peace, justice, and the engagement of civil society in both the US and EL Salvador. This fund commemorates Sue and Art's lasting impact on MASCP.

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