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soa, labor & globalization

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SOA Watch works to stand in solidarity with the people of Latin America, to close the SOA/WHISC and to change oppressive US foreign policy that the SOA represents. We are grateful to our sisters and brothers throughout Latin America for their inspiration and the invitation to accompany them in their struggle for economic and social justice.

Join in the organizing...



How you can help:

Educate yourself and others:

Research the topic for yourself — Google these terms —

- School of Americas
- san jose massacre
- whinsec
- soa manual

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- Come to the Portland SOA Watch Report-Back from Oregonians who attended the Vigil in 2009.
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- Contact your Representative and Senator and hold them accountable. Urge them to speak out against and cut funding for the School of the Americas.
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- ✘ IGNACIO ELLACURIA, rector of the University and an outspoken critic of the Army
- ✘ IGNACIO MARTIN BARO, who studied the effects of war on the human psyche
- ✘ SEGUNDO MONTES, a strong advocate for refugees and human rights
- ✘ AMANO LOPEZ, a gifted counselor and pastoral worker
- ✘ JOAQUIN LOPEZ Y LOPEZ, director of an education program in poor communities
- ✘ JUAN RAMON MORENO, a gifted preacher and retreat leader
- ✘ ELBA RAMOS, the Jesuits' housekeeper, remembered as sensitive and intuitive
- ✘ CELINA RAMOS, Elba's 14-year-old daughter who had worked as a catechist
- ✘ DOMINGO CLAROS, 29, wood cutter
- ✘ CRISTINO AMAYA CLAROS, 9, son of Domingo Claros
- ✘ MARIA DOLORES AMAYA CLAROS, 5, daughter of Domingo Claros
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- ✘ ISIDRA CLAROS, 60, aunt of Domingo Claros

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