



Advocacy for Human Rights in the Americas

Convictions in Wartime Human Rights Cases in Guatemala, 1993-2021

Name of case	Date of sentence	Convicted	Authorship	Crimes
Ixtahuacán	1993	2 military commissioners	Material	Murder
Myrna Mack 1 st trial	1993	1 major sergeant	Material	Murder
Chorrojaj Massacre	1996	1 PAC	Material	Murder
Colotenango	1998	11 PAC	Material	Murder
Rio Negro Massacre 1 st trial	1999**	1 military commissioner, 2 PAC*	Material	Murder
Tululché Massacre	1999	1 military commissioner	Material	Murder
Nicholas Chapman Blake	2000	1 PAC	Material	Murder
Anabella Garniga Osorio	2001	1 military commissioner	Material	Murder
Monseñor Juan Gerardi	2001	1 colonel, 1 captain, 1 sargeant 1 civilian	Intellectual Accomplice	Extrajudicial killing
Myrna Mack 2 nd trial	2002	1 coronel**	Intellectual	Murder
Xamán Massacre	2004	1 sub lieutenant, 13 soldiers	Material	Forced disappearance, crimes against humanity

Rio Negro Massacre 2 nd trial	2008	5 PAC	Material	Murder, Crimes against humanity
Choatalum	2009	1 military commissioner	Material	Forced disappearance
El Jute	2009	1 colonel, 3 military commissioners	Intellectual	Forced disappearance, Crimes against humanity
Edgar Fernando García 1 st trial	2010	2 police agents	Material	Forced disappearance
Dos Erres Massacre 1 st trial	2011	1 lieutenant, three Kaibil soldiers	Material	Murder, Crimes against humanity
Plan de Sanchez	2012	1 military commissioner, 4 PAC	Material	Murder, Crimes against humanity
Dos Erres 2 nd trial	2012	1 Kaibil soldier	Material	Murder, Crimes against humanity
Edgar Enrique Sáenz Calito	2012	1 (former) chief of National Police	Intellectual	Forced disappearance, CAH
Edgar Paredes Cheguen Chiquimula	2013	1 military commissioner	Material	Forced disappearance, Crimes against humanity
Ixil Genocide	2013***	1 former head of state / army general	Intellectual	Genocide, Crimes against humanity
Edgar Fernando García 2 nd trial	2013	1 colonel, 1 former chief of National Police	Intellectual	Forced disappearance, Crimes against humanity
Spanish Embassy Massacre	2015	1 former chief of National Police	Intellectual	Murder, Crimes against humanity

Sepur Zarco Sexual Violence/ Sexual Slavery	2016	1 lieutenant 1 military commissioner	Intellectual Material	Murder, Crimes against humanity, Forced disappearance
Molina Theissen	2018	2 generals (1 former army chief, 1 former chief of military intelligence), 2 colonels	Intellectual	Crimes against humanity, Aggravated Sexual Assault, Forced disappearance
Las Dos Erres 3 rd trial	2018	1 Kaibil soldier	Material	Crimes against humanity

Source: J. Burt, *Strategic litigation in cases of gross human rights violations in Guatemala: Impact and lessons learned*, Impunity Watch (Guatemala, May 2021).

* PAC=Civil Defense Patrol.

** The convicted official escaped and remains a fugitive of justice.

*** Sentence overturned.

