The indigenous witnesses against Ríos Montt in chronological order

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\* = I found these witnesses particularly helpful in establishing an overview of what the army did and how refugees reacted.

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| **Name**  | **Date** | **Location** | **Summary** |
| 22. Jacinto Brito Corio | Early 1982 | Tujolom, Nebaj | Army burned all the houses and killed father. Other people died in montaña. |
| \*87. Tiburcio Utuy | Jan 5, Feb 16 and circa Feb 25/82 | Xix, Chajul | Army burned houses and massacred 14 families, forcing 1,999 familias [he may mean family members rather than households] to flee pursued by troops and helicopters. 300 people died of hunger in montaña. |
| \*61. Maria Cedillo Cedillo | Jan to June/82 | Rio Azul to Xecot to Sesumal Grande, Nebaj | Army pursuit through montaña kills numerous women and families, with many children dying of hunger and parasites.  |
| \*60. Justo López Corio | Feb/82 to 1983  | Xoncá, Nebaj to Amajchel, Chajul | Soldiers and civil patrollers arrived as if they were herding cattle and burned houses. Mass exodus through montaña. La Perla army killed 9 at Amajchel and then his 9 year-old son. Many died from hunger and illness. |
| \*33. Juan Sajic Aguilar | Jan 27 to Apr 5/82 | Chisis, Cotzal | After forcing village to form civil patrol, army killed 272 individuals + 5 families in repeated attacks. |
| 6. Domingo Rivera Cobo | Mar/82 | Vijolóm II, Nebaj | Army burned houses in several villages and killed his brother. Suffered in montaña. |
| 91. Julian Vicente Pastor | Mar/82 | Chuatuj, Nebaj | Army burned village and he spent four years in montaña where brother died of hunger. |
| \*36. Pedro Del Barrio Caba | Jan 7/82 & Mar 23/82  | Ilom, Chajul  | Army disappeared 8 people several months before it massacred 95 men and kidnapped three others. |
| 64. Pedro Caba Caba | 1982 but clearly March 23 | Ilom, Chajul | The army killed 95 men and afterward took sexual advantage of the widows. |
| \*63. Andrés Laines Chávez | Mar 25/82 | Tzalbal, Nebaj | Army burned 35 people inside a house including 7 of his relatives. Many people died of hunger in the montaña, others of susto from helicopter bombing. |
| \*35. Francisco Oxlaj González | Mar/82 to 1983 | Parramos Grande, Nebaj | Army burned houses and killed 7 people in two incursions, as well as 30 to 32 in Tuchbuc (sic), with others dying of hunger and illness. |
| 49. Gaspar Cobo Carrillo | 1982 + Feb20-21/83 | Parramos Grande, Nebaj to Xe Belubal, Amajchel, Chajul | Army killed his brother in Parramos Grande and his father, as well as one other person, in Amajchel. |
| \*62. Jacinto Corio Raymundo | Mar/82 to 1983 | Palop to Cerro Sumal, Nebaj | Huehuetenango army burned houses, killed people and took children. Repeated attacks forced people to hide in montaña where many elderly died of hunger. |
| \*9. Nicolás Toma Matom | Apr/82 | Villa Hortensia II, Cotzal | Army burned his house and killed 30 people including parents and brothers. Two daughters disappeared. Spent two years in montaña. |
| 30. Juana Sánchez Toma | Apr/82 | Ulituzón, Cotzal | Soldiers arrest her and other women and rape them in the Cotzal parish hall. |
| 70. Pedro Pacheco Bop | Apr 3/82 | Chel, Chajul | How he survived the April 3 army massacre of many people including his family. |
| 66. Ana Caba Ijom | 1982 but clearly Apr 3 | Chel, Chajul | How she survived the April 3 army massacre of many people including her family. |
| \*74. Cipriano Antonio Bernal Morales | Apr 12/82 | Xesaji, Chel, Chajul | How he survived army massacre of 46 people including six members of his own family. |
| 75. Maria Bernal Morales | Apr/83 (actually 1982) | Same location and event as #74 but mistitled to Nebaj | How she survived army massacre which killed nine members of her own family—she is apparently #74’s sister. |
| 31. Pedro Brito | Apr 4/82 | Amajchel, Chajul | Army killed two families consisting of nine people. |
| 8. Diego Ceto Santiago | Apr 15/82 & Apr 5/83 | Ixtupil, Nebaj | Army burned house, wife and son killed, he’s not sure by whom, spent three years in montaña. |
| 48. Jacinto Marcos Raymundo | Apr 20/82 + Nov 5/82 | Acul , Nebaj to montaña de Vibajila, Acul, Nebaj | Army killed 27 in Acul, including his brother-in-law, and burned houses. In montaña army killed 5 more including his father-in-law.  |
| 78. Magdalena De Paz Cedillo | Apr/82 | Acul, Nebaj | Her husband was among the 28 men shot by the army, which also disappeared her brother. Among the many who died in the montaña were her sister, her father and his siblings along with their family members. |
| 79. Feliciana Baca | Apr/82 | Acul, Nebaj | Army killed her son and granddaughter; she spent two years in the montaña where people died. |
| 10. Catarina Sánchez Solis | 1982 but clearly the April 22 massacre | Acul, Nebaj | Army killed husband. Mother later died in montaña. |
| 73. Juana Ramírez de la Cruz | Apr 27/82 | Chisis & Villa Hortencia, Cotzal | After burning houses and forcing people to live in montaña, army killed her father.  |
| 52. Miguel Raymundo Cobo | May 3/82 | Tuchabuc, Nebaj | Army killed wife and two small children, as well as others, as a helicopter dropped bombs. |
| 89. Gaspar Velasco | May 3 & Aug 15/82, April 11/83 | Salquil, Nebaj | Army burned houses and killed 6 family members among many others, so he remained in montaña until signing of peace. |
| 11. Manuel Pérez De León | May 1982 | Tucanal, Nebaj | Army killed his mother and uncle and left him with the two bodies. |
| 45. Francisca Cecilia Barrera Méndez de Pu | May 22/82 | Buenos Aires, San Francisco, Cotzal | Army burned houses; killed her father, uncle and some children; and took away thirty people who died. Many died in montaña including her grandmother. |
| \*1. Clemente Vásquez Mateo | May 22/82 + later attacks | Villa Hortensia Antigua, Cotzal  | Army burned houses and killed some fifty villagers including six members of his own family. Others died in montaña. |
| 13. Juana Bernal Velasco | June 5/82 | Sumalito, Nebaj | Army burned houses and killed people including her husband. Spent a year in montaña. |
| 80. Ana Matom | June/82 | Batzcorral, Nebaj | Her husband and nephew were among 7 or 8 men who were taken to Nebaj army garrison and who never reappeared. |
| \*25. Gabriel de Paz Pérez | June to Aug/82 | Vicalamá, Nebaj | Army shelling, bombing and house-burning forced people to hide in montaña where many died of hunger including grandmother. |
| 21. Miguel Guzaro Sánchez | July/82 | Trapichitos, Nebaj | Army burned ten houses and killed people including father and mother-in-law and five children. |
| 15. Santiago Pérez Lix | July 17/82 | Chuatuj, Nebaj | Army burned houses and killed 18 year-old son as well as other people. |
| 16. Juan Pérez | July 20/82 | Palop Chiquito, Nebaj | Army killed 82 year-old father as well as other people. |
| \*28. Sebastian Cedillo Raymundo | Aug 13/82 | Santa Marta, Nebaj  | Army burned houses and killed 18 people including his stepfather and uncle. In montaña many died of hunger, including mother, or were killed by army, including his brother. |
| 97. Francisco Velasco Marroquin | Aug 14/82 | San Francisco Javier, Nebaj | Huehuetenango army killed 33 people including 12 members of his family. |
| 96. Domingo Raymundo Cobo | Aug 14-15/82 | San Francisco Javier, Nebaj | Huehuetenango army killed 30 people including 6 members of his family.  |
| 53. Elena Brito | Aug/82 | Palop, Nebaj | Men from Huehuetenango burned houses and killed many people including her husband and another relative. |
| 81. Maria Loarca Ramírez | Aug/82 | Secal, Cotzal | Her husband among 7 or 8 vendors shot by army at the Finca San Francisco.[[1]](#endnote-1) In Secal 50 to 75 died in the burning of their houses. |
| 18. Juan López Matom | Sept 2/82 | Tu Captze, Parramos Grande, Nebaj | Salquil Grande army killed wife, 2 sons and many other people |
| 19. Cecilia Sánchez Sánchez | Sept 9/82 | Vijolóm III, Nebaj | Army burned house and many people died in montaña including her husband and one child. |
| \*90. Tomás Raymundo Pérez | Sept 10/82 | Salquil, Nebaj | Army plane offered amnesty but army attacked and killed 18 people, including thirteen of his cousins. In montaña his mother-in-law died of susto from a bomb; his father and many children died of hunger. |
| 20. Pedro Solís Cruz | Sept 10/82 and Oct 15 | Xola, Sajsibán, Nebaj | Army burned houses, killed brother and another man. Mother and younger siblings died in montaña |
| 46. Franciso Matom | Sept 20/82 | Tu B’ajMam, Sajsibán,Nebaj | Army burned houses, attacked sheepherders and killed three of his siblings as they fled. In the montaña susto from a bomb killed his daughter. |
| 27. Alberto López Pastor | Oct 19/82 | Chuatuj, Nebaj | Huehuetenango army burned houses; wife and three children die while escaping and hiding. |
| \*34. Juan Raymundo Matom | Oct 26 or 27/82 + April or May/83 | Santa Marta, Nebaj | La Perla army killed 20; survivors fled to montaña where more died of hunger and bombing and another massacre in April or May/83. |
| \*54. Gaspar González Sánchez | Oct/82 | Sajsibán, Nebaj | Civil patrol drove village into montaña where people were subject to army offensives and his daughter died of hunger. Nine people died in two of many massacres. |
| 3. Tomás Chávez Brito  | Nov 4/82 | Sajsibán, Nebaj | La Perla army detachment burned houses and killed 5 family members. Suffered in montaña. |
| 4. Pedro Melendrez Raymundo | Nov 4/82 | Batzchocolá, Nebaj | Army killed 12 including father; 3 siblings die in montaña |
| \*55. Margarita Raymundo Meléndez | Nov 15/82 | Sajsibán, Nebaj | Army burned houses. Husband and infant among the people who died. |
| 76. Maria Cruz Raimundo | Late Nov/82 | Sajsibán, Nebaj | After army killed many people, others died of hunger including her husband, and two children.  |
| 5. Pedro Brito Brito | Nov 20/82 | Xecol, Chajul | Ascención Copón army detachment burned his house and killed his mother and four siblings |
| 83. Antonio Cruz Gallego | Dec/82 to Mar/83[[2]](#endnote-2) | Sajsibán, Nebaj | Army burned houses and later killed his daughter and father in the montaña. |
| 23. Juana Hernandez | Jan/83 | Vicalamá to Vicatze to Parramos Grande, Nebaj | Army burned houses and husband disappeared while fleeing army offensives in montaña. |
| 7. Marcos Bop Sánchez | Jan 8 & Apr 10/83 | Vipollí , Chajul | Army burned house and killed nine people including his father and three other relatives. Survived a year in montaña. |
| 56. Juan Cruz | Jan 10/83 | Xelowatz, where? | Army burned houses and killed his elderly father. His daughter and niece died in montaña of hunger; others died from bullets and machetes. |
| 26. Francisco Cobo Raymundo | Jan 1/83 + Apr 19/83 | Batzchocolá, Nebaj | Army burned house and killed father, mother, brother and grandfather. |
| 84. Jacinta Rivera Brito | Feb 22/83 | Vicalamá, Nebaj | Army burned houses and killed husband. Survivors starved in montaña, helicopter bombed them, until heard that pueblo was bien. |
| 77. Juana Tiu Tzoy | Mar/83 | Santa Clara, Chajul | She spent seven years in the montaña where her father died of hunger. |
| 24. Nicolás Bernal | May 25/83 | Vicampanavitz to Viucalvitz, Nebaj | Army burned houses and killed eight people including his son and wife’s son. |
| 85. Domingo Raymundo Raymundo | July 18/83 | Vijolóm II, Nebaj | Army burned 100 houses. Ground and air attacks killed five relatives, with soldiers taking babies. |
| 94. Magdalena Matom Raymundo | July 26/83 | Cotzol, Nebaj | Army burned her house, killed her brother-in-law, crippled her husband, and raped her and her 12 year-old daughter. Soldiers raped many women; when her aunt resisted, they killed her, three daughters and three other children with her. |
| 58. Juana Reynoso Chávez | Aug/83 | Visumal, Nebaj | Army attacked montaña refugees by ground and air. Innumerable people died including her husband, after a bomb fell near.  |

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| \*32. Juan López Corio | 1981-83 | Xoncá, Nebaj to Santa Clara, Chajul | Army burned his hut with wife and two small children inside. Many people died in the montaña. |
| 2. Miguel Ramírez Matom | 1982 | Pexla Grande, Nebaj | Army burned houses on two occasions, killing five men the first time and unspecified number second time including five relatives. Suffered hunger, cold and persecution in the montaña. |
| 12. Marcelino Castro | 1982 but probably circa May | Villa Hortensia Antigua, Cotzal | Army burned 50 houses, killed his son and two others, and took some 20 others to Finca San Francisco where they were killed. Spent two and a half years in montaña. |
| \*14. Jacinto Lupamac Gomez | 1982  | Vijolón, Salquil Grande, Nebaj | Army burned houses, killed mother and two siblings, and put him (8 years old) and another sibling up for adoption. |
| 17. Magdalena Bernal Terraza | 1982  | Tzalbal, Nebaj | Army burned houses and killed five people including brother and uncle. Escaping from army in montaña, another eight or so people died.  |
| 38. Maria Cavinal Rodriguez | 1982  | Tibatotiosh, Cotzal | Army held her with a hundred other captives in the Catholic church where a soldier raped her. All the women were raped. Army also disappeared her brother. |
| \*39. Cecilia Baca Gallego | 1982  | Pulay, Nebaj | Army burned houses, she escaped only to be captured and raped by “bastante” soldiers in Amajchel. Army killed her husband, father and siblings. Mother and daughter also died.  |
| 40. Margarita Rivera Ceto de Guzmán | 1982  | Txi’p, Nebaj | Army took her to Nebaj garrison for interrogation. She was beaten, wounded in the stomach with a dagger, but not raped. Her baby died of susto. |
| \*42. Julio Velasco Raymundo | 1982 | Bisán, Nebaj | Army captured him while he was gathering firewood near its Nebaj base and adopted him. He saw the army kill civilians at the base and bury the bodies with excavating machinery. |
| 43. Pedro Herrera Bernal | 1982  | Tzalbal, Nebaj | Army burned his house and he survived naked in the montaña until captured in 1984. |
| \*47. Diego Santiago Cedillo | 1982  | Too young to remember but vicinity of Finca La Perla, Chajul | Army burned houses and killed grandfather and uncle in montaña. One sister drowned in a river while trying to escape; another sister never returned from Finca La Perla garrison. |
| 50. Pascual Batista Escobar | No date but probably April 1982 | Xesayí, Chel, Chajul | Army killed parents, sister and son along with many others. |
| 51. Ana Matom Ramírez | El 22 de 1982 (sic) | Palob, Nebaj  | Army burned all the houses and killed many people including husband. Daughter died later in montaña. |
| 57. Magdalena Bernal de Paz | 1982  | Xemamatze, Nebaj | Army burned her belongings and detained her for fifteen days, during which she was beaten and interrogated. Four soldiers apparently raped her daughter. |
| \*59. Francisco Pablo Carrillo | 1982 but probably March | Finca San Joaquín Chel, Chajul | Army encircled settlement, raped women and burned them in the juzgado, with dead including a sister and nephew. |
| ` | No date but probably late 1982 | Sajsibán, Nebaj | Army burned her house and killed her brother and his 3 children. Many children and elders died of hunger in the montaña. |
| 67. Cecilia Ramírez Raymundo | 1982  | Sumal Grande, Nebaj | Army burned houses and took away her husband as well as others. |
| 68. Elena de Paz Santiago | 1982 after declaration of amnesty | Tzalbal, Nebaj | She and her mother surrender to army, which rapes her and disappears her mother.  |
| 69. Ana Pacheco Ramírez | 1982  | Juil, Chajul | Soldiers took her husband, then her, and raped her at their base. When she returned, her house and infant had been burned. |
| 71. Pedro Chávez Brito | 1982 but probably late in year | Sajsibán, Nebaj | How he escaped army burning of his house which killed four members of his family, plus five others who died. |
| 72. Petrona Raymundo Brito | 1982  | Vitzal, Nebaj | According to her now-deceased husband, army killed her future brother-in-law after he presented a denunciation to the Ministerio Público. |
| 82. Feliciana Raymundo González | 1982 | Montaña  | Army burned her house, and killed many people, forcing her and her husband to suffer hunger in the montaña. |
| 86. Ana López | 1982  | Xepalma, Cotzal | Army arrested her husband at house and he never reappeared, then took her to Cotzal base where she was raped for ten days. |
| 88. Jacinto Velasco Corio | 1982  | Chapul, Rio Azul, Nebaj | Army burned houses and killed three family members, later bombed montaña where people died of hunger. |
| 92. Francisco Guzmán Ramírez | 1982 | Ilom, Chajul | Army killed 130 members of the community including seven members of his family. |
| 93. Magdalena Marcos De León | 1982  | Montaña  | Army burned her house and cut off her husband’s head. She and her five children survived much time in the montaña. |
| 95. Carmen Teresa Perez Lopez | 1982  | Xepalma, Cotzal | Army disappeared her father, burned her belongings, and took her to the Cotzal garrison where they raped her and her mother. |
| \*29. Juan López Lux | 1982-83  | Villa Hortensia Antigua , Cotzal | Army burned houses and pursued people in montaña. Three of his children died, along with two nephews, a sister and a brother-in-law. |
| \*37. Francisco Chávez Raymundo | 1982-83  | Xoloché. Nebaj to Cabá, Chajul  | Army captured him and brought him to Nebaj where he stayed in an orphanage run by Catholic nuns and where his mother found him five years later.  |

Source: “6 Parte Sentencia,” “7 Parte Sentencia,” and “8 Parte Sentencia,” https://drive.google.com/folderview?id=0BxOjd8OI5wmhcUhNU3ZMQy1TeUU

1. Maria’s husband may have been shot in an incident that occurred the previous year at the Finca San Francisco, on April 23 or May 24. [↑](#endnote-ref-1)
2. This is my interpretation of confusing chronology. [↑](#endnote-ref-2)