



## **COLOMBIAN COAL UNION LEADERS SPEAK AT SALEM STATE**

Coal provides almost 50% of the electricity produced in the United States. Much of that coal—including what’s burned at the Salem and Brayton Point plants in Massachusetts—comes from two giant, multinational mines in Colombia.

In Colombia, some of the most powerless people in the world—indigenous people with no resources, no electricity, no water—and some of the most vulnerable—a union in a country with the highest rates of assassination and repression against union activists in the world—are taking on some of the most powerful multinationals in the world today. We have a lot to learn from their example.

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24**  
**11:00 AM Community Time**  
**RM 104 Sullivan Building**

**Estivenson Avila**, president of the Sintramienergetica union has been pursued by paramilitaries because of his involvement in the union. **Jesús Brochero** is a top leader of Sintracarbón, the National Union of Coal Industry Workers .

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