

HONDURAS

It remains unanswered exactly why the Canadian government has not stood with other governments in opposition to the coup in Honduras. Significantly, Canadian mining companies are heavily invested in this Central American country, including GoldCorp Inc. The overthrown former president had proposed nationalizing mineral resources in his country, a position extremely unpopular with Canadian mining interests in the country. The Canadian company Goldcorp, has been linked to human rights abuses and ecological destruction in the country. Goldcorp has received nearly one billion dollars of taxpayer money from the Canadian Pension Plan.

CANADA

Increasingly, communities in Canada are also opposed to mineral extraction projects, due to widespread concern about the destructive impacts of this industry. In many cases, the local governance and sovereignty of Indigenous communities has been completely neglected through the carrying out of mineral explorations without any community consent.

In the case of the Ardoch Algonquin First Nations and the Kitchenuhmaykoosib Innuwug peoples of Ontario, community leaders were criminalized and many were jailed for their opposition to exploration on their territory. In Alberta, Tar Sands operations are threatening wildlife, the natural environment and the long-term wellbeing of local communities.

RESOURCES

Protestbarrick.net

Rightsaction.org

Solidarityresponse.net

Miningwatch.ca

Kairoscanada.org/en/sustainability



This is a water hole in Nyamongo, Tanzania was built by Barrick Gold near their North Mara Gold (the edge of the mine pit can be seen in the top left corner). But the water appears milky and dirty and the plants around the water hole are dying, but this is the only water source available to the community. Since the mine opened in 2002, the local Mwita family say that they have been repeatedly harassed and intimidated by the mine's private security forces and by government police. "We had never experienced poverty before the mine came here." (photo: Allan Lissner)

STOP MINING INJUSTICE!

We oppose Canadian mining companies destructive acts that threaten:

- Human Rights
- Indigenous Sovereignty
- Worker's Rights
- The Environment
- Community Health & Livelihood

Canada's government and mining sector are funding projects leading to death, displacement and environmental disaster globally. By appropriating farmlands, neglecting communal land ownership and offering only low-waged and temporary jobs, these companies impoverish communities and increase inequity.





PAPUA NEW GUINEA

In Papua New Guinea, Barrick gold was involved in the forced evictions of local residents in which over 130 buildings as well as gardens and livestock were burned to the ground. Many locals report being victims of police brutality, while Barrick alleges that these homes were merely temporary 'shacks.' Additionally, security guard near the mine have a history of gang raping local women when putting them under arrest.

Moreover, the mine empties millions of tons of tailings directly into the nearby 800 km-long river system. Norway's Government Pension Fund has dropped its shares in Canada's Barrick Gold as a result of Barrick's waste disposal practices at Porgera. The main demand of these communities is resettlement away from the mine site and compensation for victims of abuse, and they travel to Canada every year to make their demands known to Barrick's shareholders and Parliament. (photo:AllanLissner.net).

PHILIPPINES

Political killings of human rights defenders, clergy and journalists in the Philippines have been escalating steadily and have been linked to open criticism of large-scale mining in the Philippines. Mining corporations pay no taxes.



GUATEMALA

A Goldcorp mine is displacing indigenous Maya people, who are experiencing severe unexplained health problems since the mine opened. A schoolteacher and vocal opponent of the mine was killed by mine security guards last year, and the Guatemalan military has suppressed protests with gunfire. No one has ever been prosecuted. Throughout this conflict, the Canadian embassy has supported the company 100% even writing articles in Guatemalan newspapers supporting them. (photo: mimundo.org)

ECUADOR

The Canadian junior mining company Copper Mesa is currently facing litigation for perpetuating human rights abuses

by hiring paramilitary to intimidate local farmers and indigenous peoples who opposed mineral exploration of their lands, as shown in the movie 'Under Rich Earth'. The Toronto Stock Exchange is also named in the suit.

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

Canadian mining companies have been called to account by for commercial activities that have contributed to conflict in the war-torn country. It is estimated that 3-5 million people have died in the Congo in recent years due to the war. Moreover, at least one mining company has been implicated in providing logistical support to the Congolese Armed Forces who were implicated in gross violations of human rights.

BURMA

The largest single mining investment in Burma, Ivanhoe Mines Ltd., is a company registered in the Yukon to take advantage of Canada's generous tax breaks for foreign exploration and development. Neither the mining industry itself, the Canadian stock exchanges, nor the laws governing corporations in Canada, currently provide any safeguards against the impacts of irresponsible mining on communities and the environment in conflict-torn countries like Burma. Reports from people in the area indicate severe environmental damage and the use of forced labour in building roads to the mine.