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European Alliance for the Self-Determination of Indigenous Peoples



DAS NORDAMERIKA FILMFESTIVAL

CANADA IS VENTURING ON THE PATH OF COLONIALISM AGAIN: RCMP RAIDS UNCEDED WET'SUWET'EN LAND, SIX ARRESTED

Early in the morning of February 6, 2020, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) brutally raided Wet'suwet'en territory. The **European Alliance** along with the **Indianer Inuit Nordamerika Filmfestival** condemn the gross violation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) to push forward the Coastal GasLink pipeline. Six land defenders were arrested (update February 10th: 14 arrested).

The traditional Wet'suwet'en have been very clear that they reject the CAD 6.6 billion long Coastal GasLink pipeline going through their unceded and sovereign lands. CGL/TC Energy (formerly TransCanada) is pushing through a 670-km fracked gas pipeline that would carry fracked gas from Dawson Creek, B.C. to the coastal town of Kitimat, where LNG Canada's processing plant would be located. Once again: it's profit over people.

RCMP officers with night vision and automatic weapons raided the camp in the dead of night. Much like at Standing Rock, the raid was highly militarized – with helicopters, snipers, as well as dogs. Moreover, it is absolutely unacceptable to ban the media from exercising their right to freely report on the situation and thus document the gross violation of indigenous rights.

Therefore, all forces have to immediately withdraw from Wet'suwet'en territory. All persons arrested have to be set free unconditionally.

The undersigned stand in support with the WET'SUWET'EN and urges the Canadian government to stop the harassment and the violation of Indigenous rights. International law must be kept and thus the unceded territory of the sovereign Indigenous People has to be respected.

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- Aktionsgruppe Indianer & Menschenrechte (AGIM), München, Deutschland; www.aktionsgruppe.de
- Arbeitskreis Indianer Nordamerikas (AKIN), Wien, Österreich; www.arbeitskreis-indianer.at
- Comité de Solidarité avec les Indiens des Amériques (CSIA-NITASSINAN), Paris, France: www.csia-nitassinan.org
- Internationales Komitee für die Indigenen Amerikas Schweiz, Zürich, Schweiz: www.incomindios.ch
- MENSCHENRECHTE 3000 e.V. (HUMAN RIGHTS 3000), Freiburg, Deutschland: www.menschenrechte3000.de
- Tokata-LPSG RheinMain e.V.; www.leonardpeltier.de
- Verein zur Unterstützung nordamerikanischer Indianer (ASNAI), Berlin, Deutschland: www.asnai.de