

**STOP THESE PROFITS FROM DEATH AND DESTRUCTION!
HOLD VEDANTA TO ACCOUNT! STOP THE CAIRN INDIA TAKEOVER!**

FOIL VEDANTA!

STOP THIS KILLER CORPORATE!

Who are Vedanta?

Vedanta plc is a London listed FTSE 100 Mining Corporation which has brought death and destruction to thousands across India. It is owned by Indian tycoon Anil Agarwal, the UK's 17th richest man whose personal wealth grew by 583% during the recession according to 2010 figures. Agarwal's connections to UK politicians have enabled him to evade millions of pounds of tax by using Jersey and Bahamas-based tax havens. Vedanta's bauxite mining has killed hundreds of mainly Adivasi (indigenous) people in India in accidents, police firings, forced displacement, injury and illness. It has displaced thousands of families and destroyed the environment - contaminating drinking water sources, causing floods of toxic waste and destroying tribal forest areas.



UK government in bed with Vedanta and Cairn!

Now Vedanta is buying Cairn India, a major subsidiary of Edinburgh based Cairn Energy, who are drilling next to the most bio-diverse coral reefs off the Indian coast at the Mannar Basin in Sri Lanka. With their appalling track record can Vedanta be trusted with oil? When the Indian government held up the Cairn-Vedanta deal by investigating Vedanta's ability to manage strategic oil fields, David Cameron personally intervened, urging India to speed up 'unnecessary delays'. Vedanta was launched on the London Stock Exchange with help from the UK Department for International Development and the UK's University pension funds all invest in Vedanta. Vedanta is a UK company and should be held to account here in Britain for its multiple environmental and social crimes. We must stop the Cairn India takeover before it is too late!

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Bring multi-billionaire CEO Anil Agarwal to justice!

Vedanta's CEO, Anil Agarwal is the seventeenth richest person in Britain, whose personal wealth has grown even in the recession by 583% according to 2010 figs. Agarwal and Vedanta have close links with the Sangh Parivar, the umbrella group of Hindu right-wing organizations in India responsible for genocidal attacks on India's minority Muslim and Christian communities, in Orissa, Gujarat and elsewhere. Vedanta is funded by more than 30 major banks and financial agencies including HSBC, Deutsche Bank, Axa, Royal Bank of Canada, Credit Suisse, J P Morgan Chase, Goldman Sachs, Lloyds Banking Group, Nordea Bank, ICICI, Citigroup, National Bank of Kuwait, ANZ and Merrill Lynch. But the Norwegian Government Pension Fund, Martin Currie Investments, the Church of England, the Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust and the Dutch Pension Fund PGGM have disinvested because of Vedanta's ecological, and human rights crimes.



In solidarity with people's movements in India!

Because of People's struggles supported by international solidarity:

In Niyamgiri Orissa: Vedanta has been accused by the Indian government of 'land-grab' and illegally clearing forest land for its refinery in Lanjigarh and prohibited from mining this sacred mountain of the Dongria Kondh. **In Puri, Orissa:** it has been ordered to return the thousands of acres stolen from the people to set up the so-called Vedanta University. **In Advalpal, Goa:** It's subsidiary Sesa Goa has been condemned for illegal toxic dumping causing a toxic waste flood. **In Thoothkudi, Tamil Nadu:** it's copper smelter was ordered to stop production for environmental reasons.

www.foilvedanta.org

http://www.powerbase.info/index.php/Vedanta_Resources

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