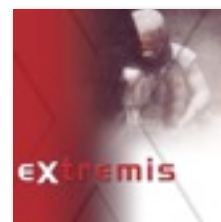


Ravaged Planet

Documentary

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That noise...can you hear it? It's coming from the earth. It's the sound of despair...and anger. North and South, millions of men, women and children live in appalling conditions, in extreme poverty, violence and exploitation. Pariahs at the table of the rich and powerful. These are their stories.



War for water

In Beit Furiq, the largest community in the District of Naplus in the West Bank, there is no water supply system. The 8,500 residents must rely on rainwater in the winter and, in the summer, on water delivered by tanker truck at a cost three times greater than the cost of putting in an underground distribution system. Strange, because water runs under the soil of Beit Furiq. It flows in pipes installed by Israel to carry water to its settlements. To whom does the water belong? To the Israelis who have been occupying the territories for over

30 years? Or to the Palestinians, who recently won a degree of autonomy in some parts of these territories, in enclaves closely guarded by the Israeli army?



Devastated island

Marinduque is a small mountainous island in the Philippines that is confronting a very serious pollution problem. "I don't know what they dumped in the sea. No one knows what they discharged. What type of liquids, what chemicals they used," says an islander. The "they" he refers to are the mining companies that have been operating the Marcopper mine on the island since 1968. After Canadian geologists discovered important copper deposits there in the mid-1960s, the Marcopper Mining Corporation (MMC) was created to exploit the deposits. The government of the Philippines held 61.1% of the shares of the new corporation, while the remaining 39.9% was held by Placer Development, a subsidiary of Placer Dome, a Canadian mining corporation.



Where there was a forest

"This is why we are marching. To reaffirm our existence. We will say it again. The Mapuche are here. We are alive, we are not giving up on life or on dignity!" Once again, the Mapuche are on the warpath. Indigenous Chileans, the Mapuche, had to fight the Spaniards at the beginning of the 17th century to hold on to their territories. Then during the 19th and 20th centuries, they had to fight the Chilean government. More recently, during the 1970s, they defended themselves against the dictatorial regime of General Pinochet. Now, they are in battle against logging companies.



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