

Solidarity with the struggle of the Sami people in Norway

In 2010, the Norwegian government expropriated indigenous Sami land in order to build Europe's largest wind power plant. This expropriation was met with great resistance from the Sami families concerned, who need their land as pasture for their reindeer herds.

On October 11, 2021, Norway's Supreme Court ruled that the expropriation of the Sami people's land was contrary to human rights. As an indigenous people, the Sami have the legal right to practice their culture, including living with reindeer and nature.

More than two years later, the wind turbines continue to produce energy for the market and money for the energy company and the state. That's why young Sami and their allies across Norway mobilized in 2023 against the government's passivity. And the struggle continues.

In solidarity, La Via Campesina supports the Norwegian Sami people's vital and legal demands to the Norwegian government: Stop the violation of human rights, stop the wind turbines! Restore destroyed nature! Never again accept the violation of indigenous peoples' rights!

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