

From: the protesters who are blockading the ferry (which crosses the Xingu river)

To: the Coordination of Indigenous Organisations of the Brazilian Amazon

We, who are blockading the ferry which crosses the Xingu river, BR-080-Mt (the blockade began at 18:00 on 22nd April 2010), want to know if you at the Coordination of Indigenous Organisations of the Brazilian Amazon, know about this protest that we are holding here in Piaragu community.

We do not know if COIAB is in favour of or against our protest.

This protest that we are holding is against the Belo Monte dam which Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva wants to create at all costs.

If Lula builds this dam, it will flood a large area of indigenous lands, this harming Indians and Whites.

Here at the ferry crossing of the Piaragu community, the blockading of the ferry will continue for an undetermined amount of time, until the departments of the Federal Government come to speak with us, so we can arrange for the Belo Monte dam not to be built.

We protesters want to know if you know about and if you are participating in the movement in Brasília which wants the standing down of the current President of FUNAI (Márcio Meira), and is protesting also against the restructuring of FUNAI.

Because from all points of view, Lula's government wants to harm us. This restructuring of FUNAI is just a way of making things difficult for the indigenous peoples.

The construction of dams destroys nature and the environment.

Lula's government has plans to build various dams in several large rivers, which we are also against.

This government does not map out indigenous lands and the restructuring Lula wants to do allows:

- the army to use firearms to shoot at Indians
- the exploitation and extraction of minerals in indigenous territories
- loggers and miners to remain in indigenous territories

Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva and Márcio Meira have shown that they do not like the Indians, they do not like nature, they are against the environment.

We indigenous leaders cannot accept that someone like Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva who has an attitude like that of the Devil, can commit monstrous acts against nature, Indians and the environment.

We thus ask you to contact us and to respond to our points.

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