Defending your rights

Survival International

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TRIBES AROUND THE WORLD HAVE SECURED THEIR FUTURE BY WINNING RECOGNITION OF THEIR RIGHT TO OWN THEIR LAND.

YOUR land AND future

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