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El conflicto humano-naturaleza

'Toxic Tour' 360° - Oil Exploitation in the Ecuadorian Amazon

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This is Ecuador.

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These jungles have been our home for thousands of years.

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When I was seven years old, I had a vision.

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There were trees bare, the rivers polluted, everything was ash. A place where there was no life. Today, I stand face to face with that nightmare, the Dragon of Imperialism.

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I am the daughter of the first uprising, and my name is Nina Gualinga. I traveled north from my home in Sarayaku to Lago Agrio to see what could happen to my people and our land if we allow them to drill for oil.

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Here, forests have been cut down.

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Children are bathing in contaminated water beneath pipelines that now snake through every corner of the jungle, even through sacred graveyards.

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It’s everywhere. Crude oil sits in exposed pools where untouched rainforests once thrived.

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All of this because of humanity’s endless thirst for what Mother Nature intended to lock away out of reach, never to be released.

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60 percent of the oil taken from Ecuador ends up here on the West Coast of the United States.

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My brothers and sisters in the north used to live like this.

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But everything has changed since the oil companies exploited their lands.

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They have no choice but to live in government built housing projects, living on the polluted land they have been left with, rather than the jungles they thrived in.

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What will happen to these people if we do nothing?

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What will happen to my people if we do nothing?

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From the age of seven, that nightmare has haunted me. But we are still here and we will fight.

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We are still here.

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