



PRESS RELEASE

YANACOCHA EXERCISED NEW PEACEFUL DEFENSE OF POSSESSION

The Chaupe family carried out illegal planting on land owned by Yanacocha, located 300 meters from the house they currently occupy.

Peacefully exercising its rights, Yanacocha staff today removed a few crops in an area of 200 square meters, within Yanacocha property and 300 meters from the house now occupied by family. This new invasion was detected on September 5 and, in keeping with the law, Yanacocha exercised possessory defense by removing in a peaceful manner what was sown, in the presence of its security personnel.

Unfortunately, Maxima Acuña and her husband, Jaime Chaupe Lozano, attempted to prevent this legal action by throwing stones with a sling, and even used a rod with nails to hit those who were defending the property at that time. In addition, the couple took out a camera and a tripod and filmed the event.

The Prosecutor's Office and the National Police were not involved in the removal of crops because it is a civil action that can be performed by the affected company, within the time frame granted law (15 days after verifying the invasion, according to Article 920 of the Civil Code).

The company is acting within its property, in firm defense of its rights, and protecting the physical integrity and the rights of our workers and the Chaupe family members, who do not have legal authorization to expand their activities on Yanacocha property; therefore, today's activities are strictly in keeping with the law.

Yanacocha reiterates its intention and its petition to find a satisfactory solution through dialogue. This solution should be reached within the framework of the law, in coordination between the parties directly involved, and without third-party agendas or interests. Notwithstanding, the company will continue peacefully enforcing its ownership, preventing new invasions.

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