

# *Pataxó protesters in Brazil launch blockade, demand justice after Vale Dam disaster*

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Protesters have vowed to continue the blockade until the mining company helps resettle them to a new territory, builds new homes and starts paying reparations.

An Indigenous Pataxó leader and organizer of the protests, Sucupira Pataxó-Hahaha, told reporters: “We are here on the train track, me with my people, claiming our territory. Vale has to give us another territory, because our village is polluted with minerals. The water brought all those minerals to our water and to our houses. We ask people outside of Brazil and the United Nations for justice. Please intervene and help us. We are living here on the Vale company train track. We have nowhere to go.”

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