

Ecuadorian court rejects oil drilling on Indigenous lands in Amazon rainforest

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Quito, February 4 (RHC)-- In Ecuador, a court has rejected plans to drill for oil in a protected area of the Yasuní National Park in the Amazon. It's a major victory for Indigenous and land rights and comes just days after a pipeline burst and started spewing crude oil in the Ecuadorian Amazon.

In other news, the death toll from Monday's flooding and mudslide in the capital Quito has climbed to 24 people, with six people still missing. It was the heaviest rainfall the area has seen in nearly two decades.

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