



#BREAKINGNEWS: DINDE VILLAGER NEVER TSHUMA HAS BEEN ARRESTED

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Never Tshuma, the Chair of Dinde Development Association which has been resisting a coal project by Chinese nationals in his Katambe village in Hwange Rural has been arrested. He is accused of inciting villagers to resist exploration for coal. Beifer Investments, operated by Chinese nationals with the backing of the State, started coal exploration in the community today. Tshuma is detained at Hwange Police Station.

On Wednesday 14 April 2021, about 60 Dinde villagers besieged the site Beifer Investments had pitched a tent as part of the process to kick start exploration works. They were demanding that the Chinese remove their tent and leave their village.

The Dinde community has been locked in a stand-off with the Chinese nationals for the past 2 years over the proposed coal project which they want to be stopped as it infringes on their land and environmental rights. They contend that although they never consented to the project they were shocked to see documents purporting the community had consented.

Last week the community petitioned the Parliament of Zimbabwe to investigate the legitimacy of the Environmental Impact Assessment report submitted to the Environmental Management Agency (EMA) by Geovannah Consultancy on behalf of Beifer Investments.

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