The Formosa environmental disaster in Vietnam

The environmental disaster occurs

- An underground pipe near the Formosa (a Taiwanese enterprise) steel mill spewing dark yellow water.
- Masses of dead fish begin to wash ashore on beaches in Ha Tinh province.
- Human rights at stake
- Formosa workers are hospitalized after dying near the mill, and 39 of them die.
- Tensions in tourism lower their income and job.
- Ongoing violations of human rights
- The civil society protests
- Formosa is intentionally damaging its environment.
- The government takes action?
- After the Ministry of Environment apologized for confusion and mishandling, 7 ministering started to investigate Formosa Co., Ltd.
- The government still denies its responsibility in the fish deaths.
- The defense of human rights
- Formosa workers are demonstrating against Formosa and asking compensation.
- The government received the payments but the victims have not receive their compensation.
- The legal battle
- The Committee for justice and peace, Catholic priests and parishioners from Vinh Diocese Working Group (VDWG) submit petitions to state agents. These are not answered.
- Human rights defenders at risk
- Formosa workers and their families
demanding to clean the environment and compensate the victims.
- The government still denies its responsibility in the fish deaths.
- The UN expresses concern with human rights violations.
- People denounce violations to their rights to:
  - Freedom of expression
  - Adequate compensation, and legal remedies
  - Freedom of association
  - Access to independent judges and courts
- Formosa admits responsibility
- Formosa admits its responsibility for the fish deaths and offer US$500 million in compensation.
- The government received the payments but the victims have not receive their compensation.
- The defense of human rights
- Hundreds of people protest in Ha Tinh and Quang Binh, demanding a prosecution against Formosa and adequate compensation.
- VDG meet with Taiwanese elected representatives to express the victim’s suggestions.
- The government still denies its responsibility in the fish deaths.
- The defense of human rights
- Hundreds of people continue to march, protest, and file lawsuits against Formosa.
- Human rights defenders at risk
- Individuals denouncing lack of transparency by the Government have been criminalised.

On May 10, 2017, the VINH DIOCESAN WORKING GROUP presented a petition, signed by thousands of people around the world, to various international organisations, INGOs, and European States in Geneva. To read more please go to: https://EnvironmentRights.org