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Resistance and organization of those affected by mining began in 1997 and 1998, in the midst of the Fujimori dictatorship and its imposition of savage neoliberalism, the destruction of social organizations, privatization and the growth of transnational companies in the lands and territories of the communities. The organizing process had its

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