

Demand that the Swedish state respect Sámi rights!



ACT NOW!

To the Minister of Energy, Ebba Busch,

For centuries, the Swedish state has exploited Sámi lands. This exploitation continues to this day—now in the name of the green transition. The world is facing a critical turning point. A rapid phase-out of fossil energy is both necessary and urgent, but the transition must be carried out with respect for human rights. If the rights of the Sámi people are not protected, it could have immeasurable consequences for Sámi culture, language, and identity. In our new report, Amnesty International and the Sámi Council conclude that legislation in Sweden, Norway, and Finland is so inadequate that there is currently an inherent risk of Indigenous rights being violated when natural resources are extracted, and energy projects are implemented in Sápmi. This is entirely unacceptable and must be urgently addressed. A transition cannot be called sustainable or green if it simultaneously violates human rights. The Swedish state now faces a choice: does it want to carry out a just transition or engage in green colonialism? We urge Sweden to recognize Indigenous peoples' human rights, including the right to Free, Prior, and Informed Consent (FPIC), which is a crucial element of a just energy transition. To respect, protect, and promote human rights in relation to the climate crisis, the Swedish state is obligated to phase out the production and consumption of fossil fuels as quickly as possible. To ensure that the energy transition aligns with human rights, we also call on the Swedish state to immediately initiate legislative reforms in full consultation and cooperation with the Sámi people.

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