

Death in the Pipeline

A pipeline is being built through Turkey and its neighbours – so what's this got to do with me?



The Baku-Ceyhan pipeline will bring us more oil - equal to 150% of the the pollution produced by all vehicles in the UK each year, and 250% of the CO₂ pollution that we've said we'd cut under the Kyoto climate change agreement.

Directed by US foreign policy - built by BP - bankrolled by us. The British government is giving BP £65 million of our tax money. Without this money, the pipeline cannot exist.

Over the next 50 years, Georgia, Azerbaijan and Turkey will be the oil industry's next "zone of sacrifice"if all goes to plan:

Human Rights

The area around the pipeline will be run under special 'BP law'. In other places such as Nigeria and Colombia, this has meant killings and 'disappearances' by brutal paramilitaries, paid for by the host countries and us, through public money and BP tax dodges & corruption, plus opportunities for the UK to sell more arms.

Injustice

The pipeline passes through war zones. It will trash or evict Kurdish villages & farm land already under violent occupation & assault by the Turkish state. Only oil/military corporations will benefit.

Local Impact

Local people have had no say. The host countries will receive little benefit. BP would have no social or environmental responsibility (e.g. for leaks) – the pipelines are planned to run through earthquake zones. Oil will be spilt by tankers and washed up on our shores. National parks and huge mineral water sources will be sacrificed. Local and EU laws and protection, both current and future, will be bypassed. All this with our cash.

BP has made its name through greenwash and scamming public money here and in other Western countries, paying for death squads in Colombia, ensuring West Papua is Indonesia's next brutal 'East Timor' & all-round long-term murder of people & planet.

Because this is not an isolated case, because it is not just BP.. There is no future and no sense in the oil industry. It cannot be re-formed – for the sake of all our tomorrows, it has to be confronted today.

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