



A Solidarity campaign  
with the Adivasis and Dalits of Kashipur

## ALCAN'T IN INDIA

### 3 Dead + 5 years + No Justice = Not Just Another Day at the Office For Alcan

WHAT:	Vigil in memory of three village activists killed as a result of Alcan's "development" in India – 5 <sup>th</sup> annual commemoration.
WHO:	Alcan't in India Solidarity Project
WHEN:	4:15 pm December 16th, 2005
WHERE:	Maison Alcan, 1188, Sherbrooke W. @ Stanley, Montreal

MONTREAL. December 16th, 2005 - Five years after police shot dead three Indian village activists protesting a proposed bauxite mine and refinery on their land backed by Alcan, the company continues to push the project forward without local consent. Today, Montreal-based solidarity group Alcan't In India commemorates the 5th anniversary of the deaths outside Alcan's global headquarters to remind the corporation that December 16th will never be just another day at the office.

The event will include testimony from a Canadian journalist who recently returned from the area, a message of solidarity from activist Vandana Shiva, films documenting the movement, and a special candle light vigil. It will coincide with a gathering of the Adivasi (indigenous) and Dalit (low-caste) inhabitants of the Indian state of Orissa's Kashipur region to honour their comrades' lives and reaffirm their opposition to the project.

To date, despite having no documented evidence, Alcan executives continue to allege that the project has local support, disregarding signed statements of opposition by elected village leaders and a motion passed in the village council calling for the project's cancellation.

So far, the people's grass roots resistance has prevented the company from beginning construction, but the Alcan-backed mining consortium and its allies within the government of Orissa have again resorted to violence to repress the people's movement.

The Chief-Minister of Orissa has openly called for the suppression of all anti-mining activity in Kashipur. In late 2004 villagers were brutally beaten by the police, and dozens of activists have been jailed. Despite having inadequate schools and hospitals, two police outposts have been built and the entire region is militarised.

Alcan't in India is a solidarity group supporting the people's resistance to imposed mineral development in Kashipur. Alcan't will not allow December 16<sup>th</sup> to be just another day at the office for Alcan.

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