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**Tambanoumouya and Kerenkonko claim (3mn05) Video**

**Afa Mady Tamba Camara:** Good morning, everyone. My name is Afa Mady Tamba Camara. I’m the Imam of Tambanoumouya. We are very worried and concerned now with the Chinese mining company in between our two villages. They destroyed the entire river, and we all know that it’s our place to fish, to do laundry, to wash dishes, and to shower sometimes; our animals drink in this river; we do everything here. Also, we don’t always have enough water, mainly during the dry season when the amount of water in the river reduces a lot. So then, if we let them contaminate and destroy our river, how are we going to garden or survive? The water is very dirty and since 2017 or even earlier they have been here, but this year is enough. It’s too much and since we’ve been made aware now, we are not going to let them harm us.

In addition to this, people are saying it’s the government’s fault because they did not consult us when they were giving them our river. If “we” meant that we all are Senegalese, then we want them to act accordingly and consider us. Would they be pleased and happy seeing the same company acting like this in their own land here in Senegal? So let’s be fair to each other. If you take our source to live and survive and don’t give us anything back, how then can we survive? We are saying enough is enough. We’ve been harmed for a long time now. These are my words to claim. Peace be upon you.

**Julaba:** We are not here to joke; we are here to stand up for our rights because no one else is going to take our place. This our laundry place, our garden place, and they ruined the entire place, from the north to the south for more than six years now. They are based in Kerekonko. We don’t want this situation anymore because when we do laundry, all of our clothes change to red or another color and when we water our garden, we lose all of our vegetables, so it’s very hard to live. So we are asking the government officials to fix this problem as soon as possible. We have too many holes as you can see and help us one more time as the XAMENO Association did, and we thank them very much. To close this, we are very tired of this and seeking help from the government.