
Greenpeace activists block works at CSA mining pit

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It is reported that four Greenpeace activists prevented the work of a huge mining digger at the CSA pit near Horni Jiretin in protest against planned exceeding of mining limits.

The event in which 30 members and supporters of Greenpeace participated was aimed against the Czech Coal company's plans to break the territorial environmental limits of brown coal mining approved by the Czech government in 1991.

Ms Libena Novotna a spokeswoman of Czech Coal said that "The Greenpeace activists entered foreign territory. They endangered themselves and our employees and by preventing the digger from continuing work they also caused great damage."

By their event Greenpeace members wanted to point to mining companies' efforts to prevent the Chamber of Deputies from passing an amendment to the mining law. Greenpeace had been trying to prevent the MUS Company from razing the villages of Horni Jiretin and neighboring Cernice to the ground due to coal mining.

Mr Vladimir Burt deputy Mayor of Horni Jiretin who took part in the protest also criticized the MUS mining company saying that "Our patience is nearly exhausted. Although according to the law coal belongs to the state and it has a theoretical right to stop the mining any time the MUS have been blocking the process for 14 years already."

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