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Junkovac is a village situated in Lazarevac municipality in Serbia. It is heavily hit by mining operation. This is an overview of events in relation to the landslide.

- 30th March 2012. MB Kolubara received a complaint 52-6996 in which citizens of Junkovac ask for a commission to be formed which will investigate the appearance of the cracks in houses. Our information is saying they neglected this letter, which was pointing to problems with the dump site one year before the landslide happened



Photo: Cekor

- 28th May 2013. the media begin to report on the landslide -
<http://www.novosti.rs/vesti/beograd.74.html:436214-Sele-Junkovac-zbog-klizista>

- Cekor alarmed Mining inspection 5th Jun 2013. requesting urgent inspection and identification of responsible persons. The same day Cekor requested ombudsman Saše Janković to visit Junkovac -
<http://www.ckor.org/index.php?view=article&catid=1:latest-news&id=156:ckor-zahteva-da-saa-jankovi-pomogne-metanima-junkovca&format=pdf>

- Assistant of the director of MB Kolubara Milivoj Nikolić 8th Jun 2013. stated to TV Aljazeera they will pay for the collapsed houses in the second half of Jun because they prepared the money, but it still didn't happen - <http://balkans.aljazeera.net/vijesti/zitelji-junkovca-u-strahu-zbog-klizista>

- 1st of August 2013 Cekor received a document from the Mining Ministry dated 24th Jun 2013. signed by Head of department of mining inspection Mr. Siniša Tanacković, stating: “the deposit of

material in eastern part of this dumping site of the B field was not in accordance with the project, it was deposited above it should have”.

- 29th July 2013. Nebojša Vasiljević in coordination with Grievance mechanism submitted a complaint 2-01-5927 requesting a fair compensation for his house endangered by the landslide. Much more than 30 days passed but he did not receive an answer.



Photo: Cekor

- 20th September 2013 MB Kolubra answered to Cekors open letter, but failed to inform when it will pay for houses destroyed by landslide. To the question will MB Kolubara pay to residents of Junkovac in accordance with EBRD Environmental and social policy, the answer was they will pay in accordance with Serbian legislation. The Serbian legislation means some reduction for amortization to real estates.



Photo: Cekor

- 04th November 2013 EBRD CSO wrote to Cekor: “EBRD regards the landslide as a serious incident. Our staff have visited the site and we have written to Kolubara management to express our concerns and request additional information. The company assures us that they are monitoring the situation closely and that the landslide has stopped moving and is now inactive. An alternative site is being used for storage of overburden. The company has also informed us that they took action to re-house the 13 families directly affected, and are now arranging for the permanent relocation and compensation of these households along with a further 24 households in the vicinity. EBRD will

request updates on the situation, and will continue to urge Kolubara management to ensure that affected families are treated fairly and that steps are taken to avoid any re-occurrence.”

- November-december: Kolubara mining firm payed for the destroyed houses. No progress was visible in order to name people responsible for the landslide

- 28th March 2014 Cekor pressed criminal charges against Kolubara mining firm for Junkovac landslide

Iniative to resettle houses near by landslide

People who want to be expropriated because of the proximity towards landslide, and because new cracks are apperaing in soil and houses:

Nebojša Vasiljević
Milina Savković
Slavica Ranković
Miša Starčević
Milan Gajić
Zoran Gajić
Zlativoje Petrović
Milka Blagojević
Saša Gajić
Stanica Radovanović
Radiša Gajić
Živadin Milanović
Radivoje Ivanović
Stanka Ivanović

TAMNAVA WEST: SIMIĆ CASE

Tamnava West is an international financed institutions backed open pit coal excavation project conducted maily in the Ub municipality. In the Radljevo village 200 meters away from the open pit people are still vaiting for expropriation, represented by Vitomir Simić.



Screenshot: Google maps

- On 12th of July 1984. the municipality of Ub in accordance with the Law on expropriation decided that Vitomir Simić's father Radomir's property should be expropriated to a newly established firm "Kolubara – Tamnavski kopovi Zapadno polje"
- On 16th March 2003. Vitomir Simić, son of Radomir, owner of the property sent a request to EPS Kolubara Lazarevac Tamnava West field to be expropriated. He noted it is because cracks begin to appear and it is impossible to live in the house. The family moved away, without any compensation or help. There were no reply to his expropriation request.
- On 24th May 2013. after meeting Cekor, Vitomir Simić turned to Finance Ministry pressing a complaint and asking for an expropriation. The Ministry on 30th July 2013. decided and order Ub municipality to reach a decision on his case
- On 17th September 2013. Ub municipality decided to reject Vitomir Simić's request "related to damage to his house" - but in fact the request was to be expropriated, not compensated for damage.



Vitomir Simić, photo: Clair Provost, The Guardian