



**PRESS RELEASE**

**YANACOCHA EXERCISED DEFENSE OF POSSESSION ONCE MORE ON LAND  
RECENTLY INVADED BY THE CHAUPE FAMILY**

***New plantations on land owned by the company led to a new  
possessory action.***

Yanacocha staff today removed four plowed areas located within company property, approximately 300 meters from the house currently occupied by the Chaupe family. These new invasions, carried out in property different to that currently occupied by the Chaupe family, were detected on September 21.

Yanacocha conducted possessory defense by removing and replanting the areas plowed in the presence of its security staff, as well as local and national press. This is the tenth possessory defense that the company is obliged to perform since the beginning of 2015.

Before starting this action, both the security staff and the staff in charge of removing the crops received induction on the need to conduct possessory defense without violence and with strict respect for the human rights of members of the Chaupe family, workers and journalists.

Only Jaime Chaupe Lozano, husband of Maxima Acuña, was in the area, who attacked security personnel with a machete and even broke one of their shields. After possessory defense was completed and once Mr. Chaupe had calmed down, Raúl Farfán, director of External Affairs of Yanacocha, approached him and held a brief conversation which was recorded by the journalists present.

Yanacocha reaffirms that possessory defense is a civil action that can be carried out by the affected company itself, within the term of 15 days afforded by law, and not necessarily with the direct participation of the authorities. However, the National Police was previously notified about this fact.

Yanacocha reiterates its intention and request to establish dialogue and reach an understanding with the Chaupe Acuña family. Speaking directly, without third-party interests or agendas, will be the best way of finding a peaceful and satisfactory solution for all.

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