
Socfin against the ropes

A recent report on the transnational corporation SOCFIN – owned by the French group Bollore and the Hubert Fabri family of Luxembourg – exposes the sexual violence, expulsions of local populations, and the contamination suffered by communities living around rubber and oil palm plantations. Socfin is an agri-food company with operations in 10 countries in the Global South. It controls approximately 380,000 hectares of land where it grows oil palm and rubber trees on an industrial scale. The report reveals that allegations of sexual abuse and other violations of communities' rights, coupled with the contamination caused by the plantations, are not isolated events, but rather a pattern that has been systematically repeated in at least 15 plantations located in different countries. The report, prepared by the Coalition for Responsible Multinational Companies, is [available in French here.](#)