

12 oct 21 - Two Yanomami children dead after drowning near an illegal mining dredger in Roraima

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Two Yanomami boys, ages 4 and 7, drowned in the Parima River, in the Macuxi Yano community (TI Yanomami), after being sucked into machinery used by illegal miners in the region, in Roraima, according to a complaint by the Yanomami Indigenous Health Council and Ye'kuana (Condisi-YY). The children were playing when the tragedy occurred. "We believe that the force of the dredger knocked the children down and dragged them by the current," the council's president, Junior Yanomami, told El País. One of the bodies was found the following day in a search carried out by the indigenous people, and the second was found two days later by the Fire Department, called by the community. For Condisi-YY, the episode is a tragedy foretold in the face of the advance of mining activity in indigenous lands, driven by the negligence of the federal government.