

Mark the Decade of Resistance, Mark Phulbari Day!

Celebrating 10 years of Halt to Open Cast Mining, Commemorating the lives of brave Villagers

[RED Vigil at London Stock Exchange](#)

11am to 1pm on Friday, 26 August 2016

10 Paternoster Square, London EC4M 7LS

Friday, the 26th of August marks a decade of the Phulbari outburst. In 2006 three people were shot dead and two hundred injured in a demonstration of 80,000 people who marched against plans by an AIM-listed British company, [Global Coal Resources Management](#), who wants to build a massive open cast coal mine in Phulbari, a location in northwest Bangladesh. The day has been called Phulbari Day since, and powerful resistance in the aftermath of the shooting against open-cast mine in Phulbari has put a decade long halt to the project. Government has cancelled the company's license. Although GCM does not have a valid contract with Bangladesh, they are selling shares in the name of Phulbari project. The company has changed its name from Asia Energy to Global Coal Management in 2010, and continued its dodgy deals and lobbying for Phulbari coal mine in Bangladesh.

If the mine is built, 130,000 families of farmers in Phulbari would be forcibly displaced. It would destroy 14,600 hectares of highly cultivable land, would pose threats to clean water resources and would leave devastating impact on one of the world's largest mangrove forests and UNESCO heritage site, the Sunderbans. Despite grave concerns at national and international level, and declaration made by seven UN rapporteurs, GCM is pushing the government to give it a go ahead.

We will form a **Red Vigil** outside the London Stock Exchange at 11am next Friday. We will ask London Stock Exchange to [De-list GCM Plc](#). We will commemorate for the lost lives by rallying against GCM. We will celebrate our decade-long resistance by turning the commemoration event into a powerful rally against dark coal business.

JOIN US at [London Stock Exchange](#) (nearest tube station: St Paul's).

Bring your organisation's banner, noisy/music instruments and own placards if you can. Wear **Red**, **Black** or **Blue** as symbols of **Resistance**, Anguish and **Celebration** of 10 years of struggle.

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