



# Greenpeace MENA: Morocco's new mining law is a step back for the environment and local communities

RABAT, MOROCCO, June 4, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Greenpeace MENA has expressed its concern over the Moroccan government's new mining law, which it says will weaken environmental and social safeguards for the sector.

The new law, which was passed by the Moroccan Parliament in May, allows the government to expropriate land for mining projects without compensation. It also reduces the number of environmental impact assessments required for mining projects and weakens the role of local communities in decision-making. Greenpeace MENA says the law is a step back for the environment and local communities. "We are concerned that the new law will lead to increased environmental damage and social conflicts in the mining sector," said Hiam Mardini, Greenpeace MENA campaigner. "We urge the government to withdraw the law and to engage with local communities and environmental groups in the development of mining regulations."

Hiam Mardini added: "The new law also allows the government to expropriate land for mining projects without compensation. This is a major concern for local communities, who often live on land that is rich in natural resources. We are concerned that the new law will lead to increased environmental damage and social conflicts in the mining sector. We urge the government to withdraw the law and to engage with local communities and environmental groups in the development of mining regulations."

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