

A SIMPLE REPORT FOR BEGINNERS
The ongoing Cobalt Genocide
in the Democratic Republic of Congo



Child laborers in DRC Cobalt Mines

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THE KILLERS & BYSTANDERS TO GENOCIDE:
HOW YOU ARE INVOLVED IN THE COBALT GENOCIDE IN THE
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO



“You do not have to be the person firing the gun to be the killer”

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MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF TASK GROUP

There is an ongoing Cobalt Genocide in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

“The DRC is, by far, the single most important source of cobalt in the world. In 2014, half of the world’s cobalt, which is used in the lithium-ion rechargeable batteries that power electronic devices such as laptops and smartphones, was mined in the DRC.

Demand for cobalt is growing at over 5 percent a year, and it is expected to continue doing so as the lithium-ion battery market expands with the increasing popularity of electric vehicles.” Amnesty International.

Men, women and children are hungry, sick, dying and getting raped. Not even the United Nations Peace Keepers are safe. So far this year, 2017, almost twenty (20) UN staff have been brutally killed.

Over four million (4,000,000) plus persons have been displaced. Mass Graves litter the entire terrain of DR Congo. The dead are even thrown into rivers.

And there is current devastating hunger in Kasai Region. Words cannot even explain the situation there. No human being deserves what these beautiful people are going through.

There is no Government presence felt anywhere in the DR Congo. The Government is too busy looking for money to undertake an election next year (2018)....in this, the richest Republic in the whole world.

Or are they too busy looting their country to care about their people?

Perhaps you do not even know where DR Congo is located yet you carry its soil this very minute in your pocket. If you have a cell phone, you most probably have an integral piece of the DR Congo on you.

90% of all cell phone lithium-ion rechargeable batteries are made in China.

So take a look at your cell phone NOW. Check out its model and battery. If it’s written **“MADE IN USA”**, **“MADE IN CHINA “**,**“MADE IN SOUTH KOREA “**,**or “MADE IN GERMANY”**, you are most likely participating in the ongoing DR Congo Genocide.

Allow me tell you how.

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