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Jian dao pegeé! Good afternoon!

As we are standing here, big companies are cutting down and burning our rainforests in Borneo. We, the indigenous peoples from Borneo, with the support of the Bruno Manser Fund, have been trying for decades to stop the forest from destruction by timber companies, from oil palm plantations, and corrupt politicians.

But we are sad to say that our voices have been largely ignored by the world.

And businesses continue to run as usual. Why?

We all know that the rainforest produces oxygen for all life, stores CO₂ and helps to cool down the earth. Yet logging companies continue to cut it and oil palm companies keep burning it.

At this very moment, the dangerous level of haze in the air is making our people sick.

As a result, our climate has been changing, the earth has been heating up. We now have extreme weather conditions never known before; the longer dry season kills our crops.

We've got to stop this madness NOW, not just for the sake of us indigenous peoples, but for your children and your grandchildren.

Right now, our friends are manning blockades against the expansion of oil palm plantations next to the Mulu National Park in our home area in Borneo.

We can do our part and try to block the ongoing destruction in our home forests, but you have to pressure the politicians and business people in your part of the world to stop denying climate change and to finally take action.

We cannot allow corporations to continue ravaging nature and destroying our forests. We have to start treating nature with respect instead of continuing the current destructive environmental policies.

The Swiss banks support for oil palm plantations and the fossil fuel industry in this time of climate crisis must STOP.

Keep the forest!

Don't buy tropical timber!

No more palm oil consumption!

The forest is for life not for business!

We are all in this together!

Together we can heal the earth.