In 2009 the owners family Wang, the chairman of FORMOSA PLASTICS GROUP (FPG), Lee Chih-tsuen, as well as the executive management of the enterprise from Taiwan were denounced internationally with the International ethecon Black Planet Award by ethecon – Foundation Ethics & Economy due to their responsibility for crime against man and environment. Today, seven years later, FPG again hit the headlines worldwide. Because of an ecological disaster in Vietnam with a devastating dimension. FORMOSA PLASTICS GROUP must be stopped.

FORMOSA PLASTICS GROUP (FPG) has its roots in the anti-communist separation of Taiwan from China after World War II, which was illegal to international law, and in the times of Cold War (find more on Wikipedia and other internet encyclopaedias). Wang Yung-ching founded FPG in 1954 with American money. As a consequence he became one of the world’s most wealthy men until his death in 2008, with assets of 6,8 billion US dollars.

Anti-communism and Cold War
FORMOSA PLASTICS GROUP (FPG) is one of the world’s biggest chemicals group. It has a sales volume of 78 bn US dollars, numerous subsidiaries in China, Vietnam and other countries, among also in the USA, as well as 106 thousand employees. Production focuses are on chemistry, biotechnology, electronics, cosmetic, household chemicals, automotive parts and pharmaceuticals.

The group’s history goes along with a permanent line of social and ecological crimes all over the world.
In 1998, for example, FGP was caught, while 3.000 tons of toxic waste should be simply sunk in the sea at the Cambodian seaport Sihanoukville.

The soils, the air and the water around the factories in the world are poisoned, destroy environment and represent hazard for the people’s life.
Time and again there are casualties and severely injured due to accidents, explosions and near disasters. In Illinois the surrounding townships even had to be evacuated.
In Taiwan the company is on the list of the 10 biggest polluter. 25% of all greenhouse gases emitted in Taiwan fall upon FPG.

Currently: fish mortality in Vietnam
Beginning of 2016 the steel mill FORMOSA HATINH STEEL was launched in Vietnam. One pipeline goes from the mill to the ocean.

It is officially prohibited for the group, to dump used and polluted water into sea, but it has not been checked so far. FPG does not explain in any way, which substances they dispose to the sea through the mentioned pipeline.

Thus it resulted in a huge fish mortality of 200 km along the coast of four Vietnamese provinces. Besides the vast consequences for the ecological balance in that region, people are also endangered. When consuming polluted fish, health damages are the consequence. Local media already report on a casualty in conjunction with the huge water pollution.
FORMOSA PLASTICS causes fish mortality in Vietnam

The stance of FPG’s responsibles is clear to see on the fact, that they refuse information about the quantity and quality of the disposed substances to both public and government. Instead a spokesman of FPG asked the population to decide between fish and steel, in a most arrogant and cynical way. The spokesman was signed off though, but the disaster still continues.

**Risk for humankind and planet**

The members of the owners family Wang, the chairman of FORMOSA PLASTICS GROUP, Lee Chih-tsuen, and the executive management are not only a danger for ecology and human health, but also for democracy and human rights. They spurn ethics and accept the fall of earth as “Black Planet” for their own advantage.

Stop FORMOSA PLASTICS!

Worldwide protests demand: The fish mortality in Vietnam caused by FORMOSA PLASTICS GROUP has to be stopped! The victims must be compensated!

To be able to enforce this, common national and international activities are necessary as well as much public pressure.

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the massive fish kill caused by FORMOSA PLASTICS have to be stopped!
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