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About 370 millions belong to the Indigenous Peoples of the world. They live in North, Central and South America. They live in the Pacific Islands and in Siberia. More than 30 millions live in Southeast Asia, and 90 millions in India. 70 millions in China belong to the Fourth World.

In Guatemala and Bolivia the indigenous peoples are the majority of the population. But Chechens, Tibetans, Uigurs, Mongols, Kurds, Roma, Rohingya, Karen, Ezidi and many others, are often placed in an ethnic minority situation. Them being added, the Fourth World constitute well over 600 million individuals.

Their territories are being drained of natural resources by the nation states. Their various cultures are part of the cultural patrimony of mankind. They claim education in their own languages as well as their right to use them. They constitute integrated alternatives to industrial and state societies.

Abused – and caught in the crossfire

British colonials determined the borders between India and Burma – right across the territory of the Naga people. The same applies to the approximately over 70.000 Saamies, whose territories have been divided by Norway, Sweden, Finland and Russia. Their collective human rights have been abused. There is, since 2007, a UN Declaration concerning the specific rights of indigenous peoples. But the road to get this fully implemented is a long one.

At one time the Misquito indians of Nicaragua were in the cross-fire between Sandinistas and US-supported Contras. And millions of Afghans fled to Pakistan to escape the Soviet air attacks and a Civil War at the end of the 20th century. US and NATO forces, and European countries like Sweden, are now in Afghanistan with

soldiers. The existence of tribal peoples like Pashtuns, Tadjiks, Uzbeks, Nuristanis or Hazaras is hardly mentioned. Still less is said about the nomads of Afghanistan. More and more people in the world are questioning the legality in occupying independent states like Afghanistan or Iraq.

The Fourth World Magazine and Association

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Peruvians with indigenous background now celebrate the Andean New Year, "Inti Raymi", in Stockholm. Photo: Henrik Persson

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