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## **Indian Mapuche conflict with the government of Chile and the rights of indigenous peoples**

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### **Abstract**

Indians Mapuche are the largest group of indigenous people of Chile, which since the beginning of the colonization of the New World resisted the Spanish colonizers and defended the rights to the lands of their ancestors. In recent decades, the conflict between the Chilean government and some Mapuche groups became more intense mainly due to the transformation of the democratic state and the continuation of neo-liberal economic policies initiated by the dictatorship of Augusto Pinochet. The issue of the conflict concerns not only the case of respecting the rights of indigenous peoples and economic benefits from the exploitation of their lands and natural resources, but also refers to the use of Anti-Terror Law No. 18314 in the process of Mapuche Indians, which raises concerns among the international environment and human rights defenders. The conflict triggered by the Mapuche is not an isolated case of the activity of indigenous people in Latin America. In recent years, one can observe an increased mobilization of indigenous peoples in many countries of the region, with the objective of protection of indigenous rights.

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