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Taiwan: Yuanli Wind Turbines impact communities in Yuanli

Country: Taiwan	Project name: Yuanli wind turbines
Capacity: 7 (2×3.5 MW) MW	Companies involved: Shalivahana Green Energy Limited
<p>This section briefly summarises key concerns about the projects. See below for companies' responses to those concerns, wherever available:</p> <p>In September 2012, residents of Yuanli Township formed the Yuanli Self-Help Group to raise concerns about a wind turbine construction project by InfraVest. The group alleges that InfraVest did not consult with local residents and that the project would affect their right to health. Residents also alleged that private security officers hired by the company used violence against protesters on 8 June 2013.</p> <p>On 16 June 2013, InfraVest held a mediation meeting with residents opposing the project. However, the two sides failed to reach an agreement, and the company decided to carry on with the project as planned. On 16 June 2013, Yuanli Self-Help Group issued a statement, detailing its demands for InfraVest to stop the project and calling on Standard Chartered to reconsider its investment in InfraVest.</p> <p>InfraVest filed a NT\$10 million (US\$335,000) lawsuit against seven members of the Yuanli Self-Help Organization. InfraVest also stepped up security by having dozens of security guards on site at all time, where they trail, film, question and prevent visitors, residents and students from going to the beach and embankment and approaching the construction site. On 25 February 2016, the court gave the final verdict of acquittal.</p>	
<p>Company responses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● InfraVest response (Oct 2013)● Hi Tan Security response (Oct 2013)● InfraVest response (Jun 2013) and Standard Chartered response (Jul 2013) over physical & mental health concerns● Fei-ling Electronic Engineering and Taimon did not respond	

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