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## *The Devil Operation*

Boyd, Stephanie. *The Devil Operation*. Cusco: Quisca Productions, 2010. HD, 69 min.

Father Marco, a humble priest from the mountains of Peru, is being followed. A private security firm is filming and photographing the priest's every move; their meticulous reports are code-named "The Devil Operation." Marco's allies are murdered and tortured, but he and his disciples refuse to be victims. They turn their cameras on the spies and develop a counter-espionage plan that leads to South America's largest gold mine. For the past two decades, Father Marco has defended farming communities against the Yanacocha mine's abuses, earning him the nickname "The Devil." Peru is one of the world's top gold producers and the state has ceded power to transnational corporations who guard their territory like outlaws from the Wild West. This real-life political thriller exposes the new wave of corporate terrorism faced by Latin America's human rights defenders. ([Source: Official Film Website](#))

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- Fact Sheet: Illegal Gold Mining in Madre de Dios, Peru (Amazon Conservation Association)  
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<https://www.environmentandsociety.org/mml/tambogrande-mangos-murder-mining>
- “Tangled Strands in Fight Over Peru Gold Mine” by Lowell Bergman, and Jane Perlez (New York Times)  
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[http://www.sarpn.org/documents/d0002569/10-WRI\\_Community\\_dev\\_May2007.pdf](http://www.sarpn.org/documents/d0002569/10-WRI_Community_dev_May2007.pdf)

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