



Returning to the Amazon, dam collapse in Ukraine and the power of animal thought

A year ago, the Indigenous expert Bruno Pereira and Guardian contributor Dom Phillips were murdered in a remote area of the Brazilian Amazon. They had travelled there to meet with Indigenous activists who patrol the Javari valley to protect it from illegal fishing and mining gangs.

Their deaths laid bare the environmental devastation inflicted under Brazil's former president, Jair Bolsonaro, as well as the extreme threat to those who dare to disrupt the activities of exploitative industries in the region. That's why, in collaboration with an international consortium, the Guardian has published the Bruno and Dom project: a series that seeks to honour their work and continue it. You'll find a selection of pieces in this week's edition and the rest are available online - for more details turn to page 13.

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Evacuations were under way in southern Ukraine this week after flooding caused by the destruction of a major hydroelectric dam in Russian-controlled Kherson. The disaster came amid signs that Kyiv's long-awaited counterattack was taking shape. Julian Borger and Dan Sabbagh report from Kyiv.

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As the Amazon Indigenous leader Beto Marubo writes for us this week: "Bruno and Dom have now become part of the oral history of all the peoples of the Javari valley. But Brazil runs the risk of forgetting, or even betraying them ... Can we count on our leaders in Brasilia to do the right thing?"
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