

Mining CEO quits after destruction of ancient caves (16th September, 2020)

The CEO of one of the world's largest mining companies, Rio Tinto, has resigned following the destruction of two sacred Aboriginal sites. However, it will not be a speedy exit. The CEO has until March to empty his desk and head for the door. He handed in his notice after the furor created by the demolition of 46,000-year-old caves in the Juukan Gorge in Western Australia. The company was mining for high-grade iron ore. The CEO acknowledged there was no doubt the company could have made "better decisions". The ancient caves are sacred to Australia's indigenous Aboriginal communities. There is evidence to show they were used as dwellings as far back as the Old Stone Age, when humans were developing stone tools.

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| 1. Rio Tinto is the world's largest mining company. | T / F |
| 2. The CEO had to leave his post and his office last week. | T / F |
| 3. The company was mining for iron ore. | T / F |
| 4. The caves may have been inhabited in the Old Stone Age. | T / F |

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- Archaeological sites
- Local dialects
- Dances
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- Music
- Forests
- Art
- Theatre