

# **Humala signs law to avert mining, oil protests**

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Peruvian President Ollanta Humala has signed a law requiring mining and energy companies to consult local communities before starting a new project. Humala says that the new policy intends to prevent creating conflicts between the companies and the people. Protests over operations of mining and energy firms in the past have often resulted in stalled investments. Groups for indigenous communities applauded the president's latest effort.