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Vedanta Vendetta: How Foil Vedanta foiled the 2019 Loksabha election in Tamil Nadu

India Copper Forum was held in March 2015 by Hindalco & Vedanta outlining the market, growth and dependence of copper in India's Infrastructural Growth

Then the trade war between US and China Happened, and the price of copper falls affecting China largely. (2/n)

<https://t.co/m0Qthug0r9>

China's loss is India's gain. 2017, the Golden year for Indian Copper Industry. India touched a all new high in copper & copper product exports. India recorded a total export of \$3481 Million with a 30% growth. (3/n)

Export Performance of Principal Commodities: for March - 2018

(Figures in US\$ Million Prov.)

Principal Commodity	Cumulative Exports 2016-17	Cumulative Exports 2017-18	% Change Over 2015-16
Iron and Steel	8659.26	11206.93	29.42
Motor Vehicle/cars	7551.7	8482.61	12.33
Products of Iron and Steel	5895.43	6769.14	14.82
Electric Machinery and Equipment	4741.51	6701.83	41.34
Industrial Machinery for dairy, agriculture, food processing, textiles, paper, chemicals, etc	4640.94	5341.03	15.09
Auto Components/Parts	4205.38	5205.6	23.78
Aluminium and products made of Aluminium	3244.65	4793.87	47.75
Copper and products made of copper	2672.84	3481.25	30.25
Ships, Boats and Floating Structures	4370.09	3075.18	-29.63
IC Engines and Parts	2115.14	2423.94	14.60
Other Miscellaneous Items	2119.73	2406.95	13.55
Aircrafts, Spacecrafts and Parts	3381.67	2264.99	-33.02
Two and Three Wheelers	1637.88	2001.15	22.18
Medical and Scientific Instruments	1392.73	1649.66	18.45
Machinery for ATMs, Injecting Moulding machinery, valves, etc	1268.77	1520.89	19.87
Other Construction Machinery	1067.41	1440.98	35.00
Air condition and Refrigeration Machinery and Parts, Industrial Furnaces, Water heaters and Centrifuges and Compressor	983.58	1294.32	31.59
Pumps of all types	761.49	966.86	26.97
Zinc and products made of Zinc	609.72	955.67	56.74
Hand Tools, Cutting Tools and Implements made of Metals	638.95	711.53	11.36

Foil Vedanta is a NGO based out of London. They were the ones who initiated the Zambian protests against the plant's operation in 2014. Indian plant in Tuticorin was never in their list. After India's rise in copper exports it automatically came in. Chinese paymasters! (4/n)

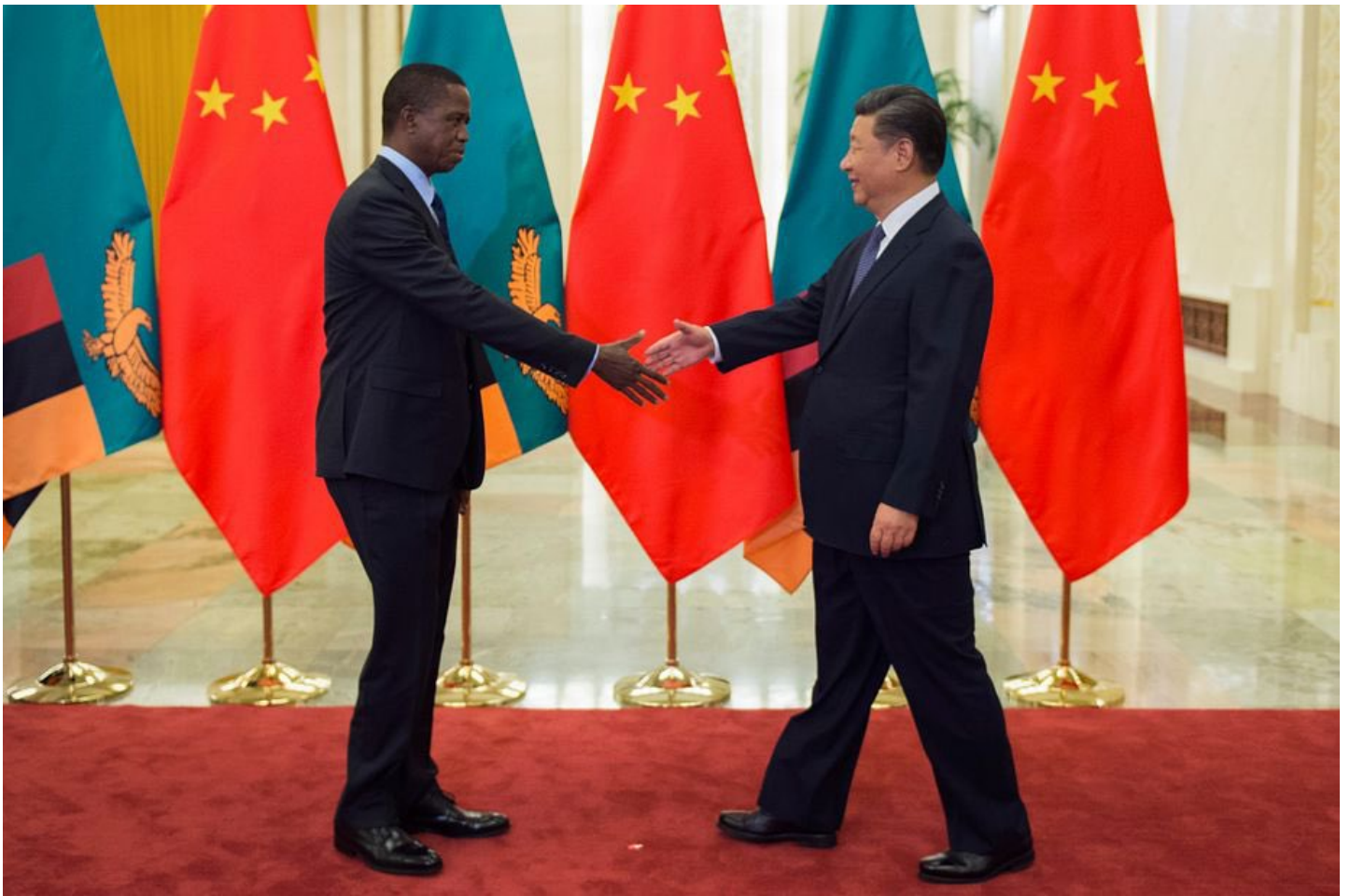
In January 2018, The London based Foil Vedanta's men visit Tuticorin and sparked initial protests in front of the plant. In March 2018, Mohan C Lazarus the man who spreads Christianity for money is instigating wide spread protests (5/n)



On March 25th 2018, British Tamils instigated by Foil Vedanta to protest. The Tuticorin protest should get global attention is the intent. <https://t.co/7E8fetrTVw>

May 22 and 23rd wide spread protest was orchestrated by Paid Anti National forces In Tuticorin. Playing with the emotions of the people is an art and these Libbies have a master degree in that. Everyone knows how the protest ended with bloodshed and chaos. (6/n)

In September 2018 Chinese president Xi visits Zambia a country which owes \$8.7 Billion to Chinese creditors. And Zambia is the epicentre of the Foil Vedanta Protests (7/n) <https://t.co/Do0wrxYgQf>

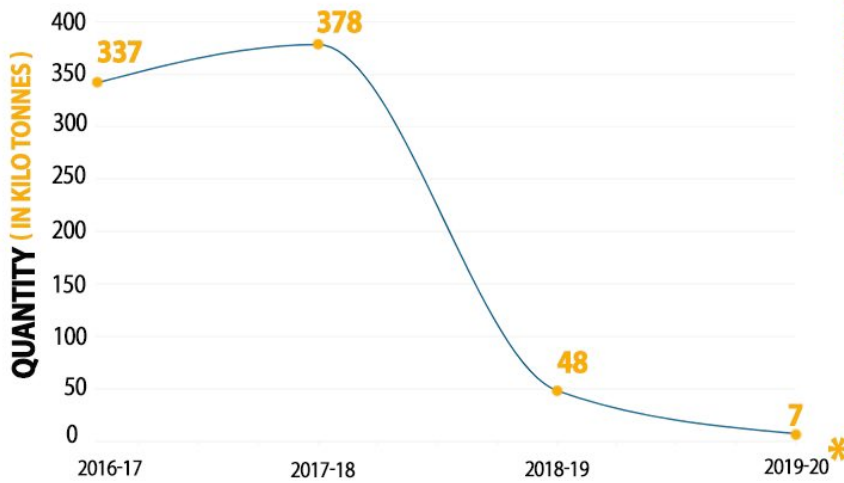


Then this happened: Zambian government files liquidation order for Vedanta's Zambian plant in May 2019. China and US have Copper smelting plants. But all eyes on Vedanta only. (8/n) <https://t.co/UZKU20OCWM>

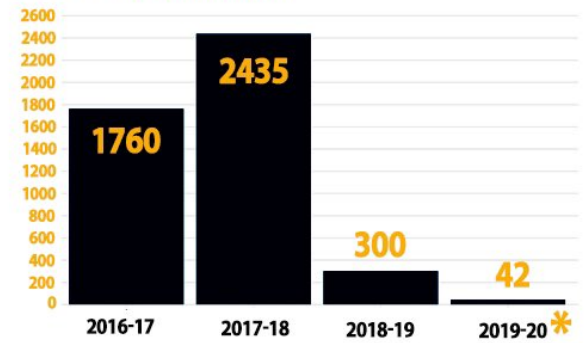
After the protests the plant was shut reducing India's production output. Metallurgical corporation of China's investments in Pakistan become the prime beneficiary of export deficit of copper (9/n) <https://t.co/2RJbtjRJEu>

One plant closure and India reduced to an all time low in exports and in an all time in imports. Thanks to the Anti Nationals, Pseudo seculars, Paid Missionaries who were on a free run. End result is importing high import costs. (10/n)

EXPORTS OF COPPER CATHODES HAVE BECOME MINUSCULE



VALUE IN US\$ MILLION



* DATA FROM APRIL TO SEPTEMBER

SOURCE: MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, CARE RATINGS

Who cares about Exports and Imports and it's effect on Economy. It is election time for DMK. And this protest was hijacked by them despite they were the ones who brought the expansion of this plant in Tuticorin. The 2019 Lok Sabha Election's only talking point - Sterlite (11/n)

Did sterlite really mismanage the plant? "NO" here's why explains [@IamRajii](#) . But facts doesn't get audience when the public sentiments are otherwise. But who is responsible for misguiding the people? In the name of social workers can anyone get away by doing anything?? (12/n) <https://t.co/Eiu9oKfzES>

I'm an year old employee of Sterlite copper.If I'm spending my weekend on Twitter to write about [#STERLITE](#), it's not because of my pay hike(I'm not covered under appraisal yet) or the loyalty (I'm GenY and I can get job anywhere else) but simply because I believe in truth!

— Raji Subramanian (@IamRajii) [July 31, 2018](#)

Thank you [@KumarSarangapa1](#) Sir for your valuable insights!